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## HANOI BOMBSHELL

Agreement With Nishihara Officially Regarded  
As Cancelled By Japanese Breach  
**Fighting Resumed Along Border**

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

THE INDO-CHINA FLARE-UP TOOK A DRAMATIC NEW TURN THIS MORNING. FIGHTING HAS BEEN RESUMED ALONG THE BORDER AND FRENCH OFFICIAL CIRCLES IN HAIPHONG HAVE DECLARED THAT THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN ADMIRAL DE COUX AND MAJOR-GENERAL NISHIHARA MAY BE REGARDED AS CANCELLED.

### JABIN HSU KIDNAPPED IN SHANGHAI

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Jabin Hsu, former chief editor of the "China Press," and former manager of the general department of the Chinese Foreign Office, was kidnapped in Shanghai last night.—Havas.

### ANGLO-U.S. COOPERATION REPORTS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Reports of Anglo-American cooperation in the Far East, the possibility of the United States using the Singapore naval base and the resultant Japanese concern, hold the spotlight in the Chungking press.

Most papers refrain from commenting on these reports but local observers declare that despite the weakening of Britain's influence in the Far East as a result of the war in Europe, Japan is likely to be wary of the combined forces of Britain and the United States in the Far East.

Observers foresee a slowing down of Japan's policy of force as soon as cooperation between Britain and the United States in the Far East has been definitely established.

They point out that recent events have confirmed General Chiang Kai-shek's prophecy some time ago that the international situation would improve in China's favour.—Havas.

In the meantime, despatches from Washington indicate that the United States has instructed Mr. Grew to make a further démarche in Tokyo, sounding a strong warning against precipitate action, and there are hints that Britain's Singapore Base offer to the United States will loom importantly in coming developments.

The atmosphere of impending crisis is marked in both Washington and Tokyo, and unofficially it is reported that Britain has informed the U.S. Government of her readiness for parallel action.

Bombshell of events was provided however, in Haiphong, where some French officials do not conceal their relief that Japanese breach of the Hanoi Agreement has created a new situation.

REUTER'S HAIPHONG CORRESPONDENT WAS OFFICIALLY INFORMED TO-DAY THAT SINCE THE JAPANESE ARE CONTINUING TO INFRINGE THE TERMS OF THE HANOI AGREEMENT BY TRYING TO ENTER INDO-CHINA FORCIBLY, THE FRENCH REGARD THE AGREEMENT AS CANCELLED.

British ships which sailed from Hong Kong for Haiphong yesterday have been ordered to turn back.

Martial law has been declared in the Haiphong area and in Kwang Chow Wan.

#### Fighting At Three Points

Considerable military activity between Hanoi and Haiphong and the Kwangsi and Kwangtung borders is reported, and skirmishing is going on near Langson, Na Duong and Bing Dao.

Nothing is yet known of the results of the conference at Hanoi between General Ando and Major-General Nishihara, beyond the fact that there is no indication of orders to the Japanese invaders to suspend operations.—(Reuters, Havas and Special).

#### Vichy Hoping For A Settlement

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

CONTRARY TO DECLARATIONS BY THE JAPANESE FOREIGN OFFICE SPOKESMAN PUBLISHED BY DOMEI, CERTAIN JAPANESE ELEMENTS PENETRATED INDO-CHINA

FROM KWANGSI THROUGH THE NORTHERN BORDER OF TONKIN IN DISREGARD OF THE FRANCO-JAPANESE AGREEMENT SIGNED ON SUNDAY, IT WAS STATED IN VICHY YESTERDAY.

Under this agreement, Japanese troops destined to guard the three airfields handed to Japan were to disembark at Haiphong.

The agreement stipulated that all other movements of Japanese troops would form the subject of special agreements. Japanese units from Kwangsi crossed the border apparently upon their own initiative and therefore were met with fire from French outposts.

Settlement of the incident is now being discussed between the French Ambassador in Tokyo and the Japanese Foreign Office.—Havas.

#### France To Fight

France is determined to resist by every means possible all attempts of the Japanese forces to exceed the provisions of the Franco-Japanese agreement on Indo-China, declared the French Ambassador, M. Henri Haye, in a statement in Washington last night.

M. Haye asserted the Japanese had attacked points in Indo-China in violation of the agreement.

The Ambassador added: "Our will to defend Indo-China in accordance with signed agreements remains unshaken."—Reuters.

#### Many Japanese Taken Prisoner

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The renewed fighting yesterday afternoon was far more intense than the previous skirmishes.

The French are reported in Chinese circles to have taken several hundred Japanese prisoners, while about 50 casualties among French troops were caused by air raids.

The Indo-China Government is urging the population to evacuate Hanoi unless they have urgent reasons for remaining.

### FRENCH LOSE "PERSEE" AT DAKAR

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

It was officially announced in Vichy yesterday that the French submarine Persee was sunk at Dakar by British naval units. It was claimed the Persee first damaged a British cruiser.—Havas.

### RISE IN CHINA DOLLAR PROPHESED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

An improvement in the value of the Chinese dollar is foreseen by a noted Chinese economist interviewed by the influential Chungking newspaper "Ta Kung Pao" yesterday.

Three major reasons were given for his opinion. First, the confidence shown by the public in the nation's currency.

A month ago, owing to the shortage of banknotes, Chinese banks decided to impose a limit on withdrawals.

Since the restriction was more capital sent abroad has been abolished recently there has been no rush to withdraw ac—Havas.

### AXIS BENT -- ON TOTAL WAR

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

"Germany and Italy have decided to renounce all possibility of peace by negotiations and will now fight a total war until the British Empire is smashed!" said an official spokesman in Berlin yesterday.

This "fateful decision," he said, was reached during Ribbentrop's talks in Rome.

The Axis Powers have decided to "abandon all possibility of a compromise and will wage a full-out war, even at the risk of American involvement or augmented aid to Britain."

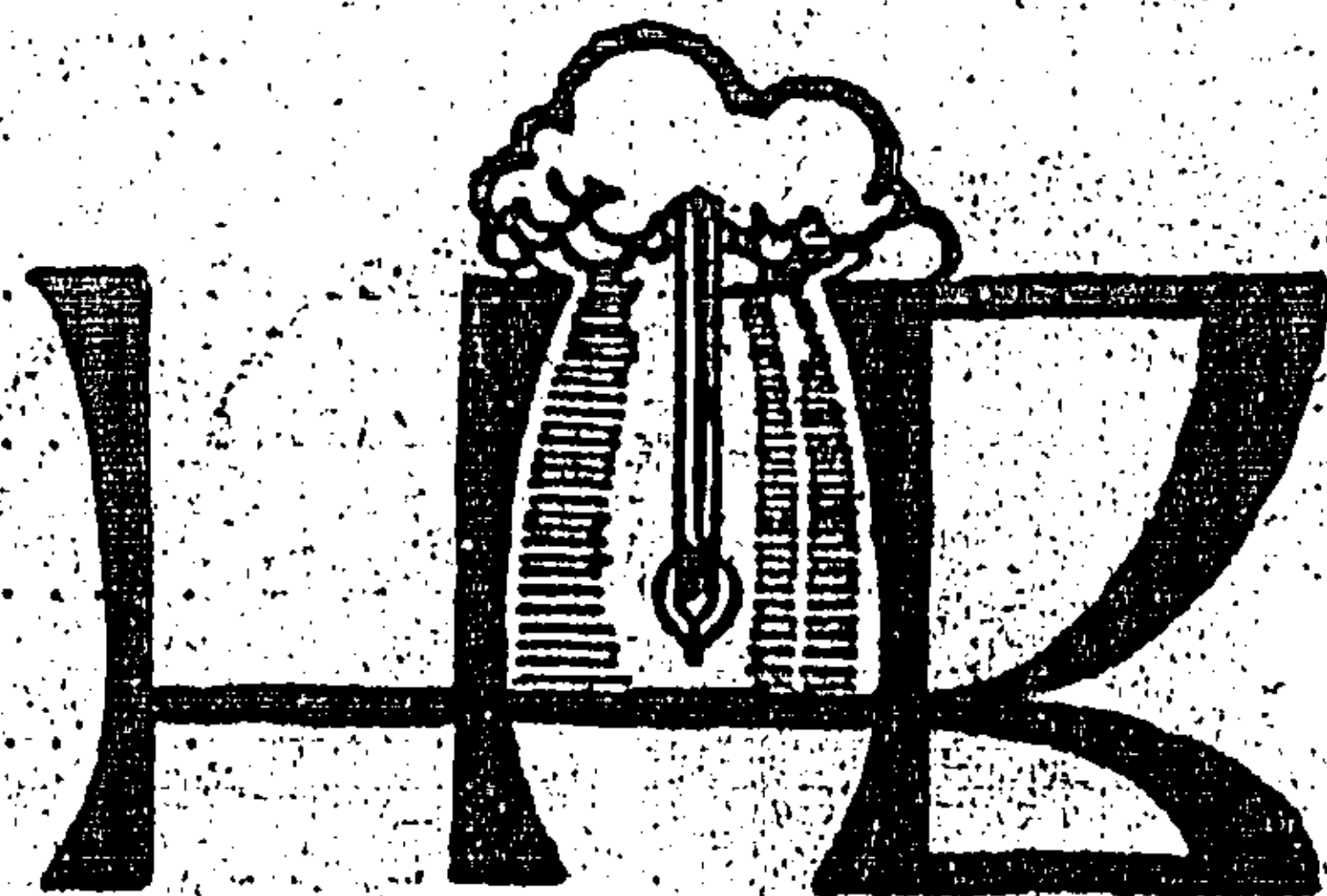
Until the time when Ribbentrop went to Rome, the Berlin official continued, there still existed a prospect of some sort of understanding with Britain to bring the war to an end.

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counts but on the contrary deposits have exceeded withdrawals. Second, the sharp increase in Treasury revenue especially since the imposition of the inheritance Tax and the tax on excessive profits.

Third, the nationwide savings campaign which has been most successful. There is no more idle capital on the market and further capital sent abroad has been abolished recently there has been no rush to withdraw ac—Havas.

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WEATHER FORECAST: South-west winds, moderate; fair generally.



# BERLIN BONFIRES

## British Raiders Over City For Four Hours Gas Works Go Up: Power Station Hit

THE BRITISH BOMBING OF BERLIN ON MONDAY NIGHT CONTINUED ON AN AVERAGE OF ABOUT FOUR AND A HALF MINUTE INTERVALS FOR SEVERAL HOURS; THIS WAS REVEALED BY THE AIR MINISTRY NEWS SERVICE IN LONDON YESTERDAY.

The heaviest attacks fell upon pre-determined targets which included railway yards near Potsdam and the Glingenberg power station. Severe fires were started at all four points.

One aircraft reported eight explosions in railway sidings followed up a very large fire in the railway buildings. Another aircraft started a large fire at the west power station which was one of many.

At Klingenberg a considerable fire was already burning when one aircraft arrived and lighted up the target for further missiles.

Returning from this area one pilot flew low over Schipol aerodrome and machine-gunned searchlights.

Five big fires at Moabit enabled the target to be identified by succeeding bombers. Explosive material blew up in a series of vivid flashes. The Moabit fires were visible 80 miles away.

Four big fires started at Charlottenburg power station, and Wilmsdorf power station was left ablaze.

### Gas Works Hit

At Danzigerstrasse the gas works were bombed causing a violent explosion followed by sheets of flame.

Explosions, which were seen 23 miles away, wrecked part of the Neukin gas works.

Another large gas works in Charlottenburg was quickly gutted by fire.

Railway yards at Charlottenburg and elsewhere were seen to be hit.

The B.M.W. aero-engine works at Spandau were bombed as well as Tempelhof aerodrome. The Siemens works received a direct hit.

### Plain Sailing

One pilot who attacked a large gas works in the north-east area of Berlin reported on his return that it was plain sailing all the way there and back—a journey of some 1,200 miles.

Following aircraft, however, met strong opposition and pilots described how "things started to hum just as we got near Berlin."

Another pilot said: "There were hundreds of flares over Berlin. The sky was like a Chinese garden party and there was a raging fire at Spandau where other raiders scored direct hits on the B.M.W. aero-engine works."

"The yellow flashes of numerous explosions could be seen."

### Hamburg Raid

The Blohm and Voss shipbuilding yards at Hamburg received a salvo of heavy bombs and in an attack on the Kiel Canal at Brunsbüttel a stick of bombs burst across the canal's entrance.

At Boulogne the inner harbour, wet docks and main basin were bombed and a fire started in the harbour where 20 or 30 ships were assembled.

A direct hit was obtained on one ship and fires and explosions resulted.

Bombs also dropped on barges and shipping at Calais where one pilot saw his bombs exploding in several basins.

### The Official Account

The official account of the raid is contained in a brief Air Ministry communiqué which states that in addition to strong forces detailed to bomb objectives in the Berlin area and enemy occupied Channel Ports, other forces of our bombers attacked an aircraft works at Wismar, lock gates on the Kiel Canal, shipyards and docks at Hamburg, Cuxhaven, Bremerhaven, Bremen and Wismar, goods yards at Munster and Hanover, railway communications in north Germany and several enemy aerodromes.

An aircraft of the Coastal Command shot down an enemy bomber into the sea. — Reuter.

## FORTY-EIGHT SEPARATE ATTACKS IN A WEEK

THE ROYAL AIR FORCE in one week alone carried out 48 separate attacks on docks at German-held Channel Ports and other enemy invasion bases, stated Reuter's air correspondent in London yesterday.

Terrific damage was done not only to docks but also to quays and canal locks and violent explosions and huge fires occurred from Cherbourg to Hamburg.

Other impressive figures in his unique record of intense aerial bombardment include 31 attacks on barge concentrations, 48 on shipping, eight on war supplies at docks, seven on searchlight concentrations and six on gun emplacements.

At least five enemy supply ships have been sunk and others set on fire and direct hits obtained on warships including a cruiser and destroyer.

Thirty-nine attacks were made on rail systems and trains in Germany, Belgium and occupied France, in which main lines were damaged and big fires caused at goods yards and a supply train wrecked.

### BIG LOAN FREE OF INTEREST

The Legislative Council of Northern Rhodesia has unanimously resolved a loan of £200,000 from surplus balances to the British Government free of interest for the duration of the war. — British Wireless.

### AUDIENCE OF KING

The Prime Minister had an audience of the King at Buckingham Palace yesterday. — British Wireless.

## GEORGE CROSS

ARTISTS HAVE BEEN INVITED TO SUBMIT DESIGNS FOR THE GEORGE CROSS AND MEDAL. THE FINAL CHOICE WILL BE MADE BY HIS MAJESTY THE KING, HIMSELF.

Civilian heroes who have already received the Gallantry Medal of the Order of the British Empire will now receive the new George Cross instead. — Reuter.

## RUMANIA DEMOBILISING

It was officially confirmed in Bucharest yesterday that Rumania is demobilising on a large scale.

A total of 120,000 men were released from the forces last week.

The General Staff has been authorised to demobilise up to 40 per cent of the army in order to supply the needs of agriculture and labour. — Reuter.

## AID-NOW

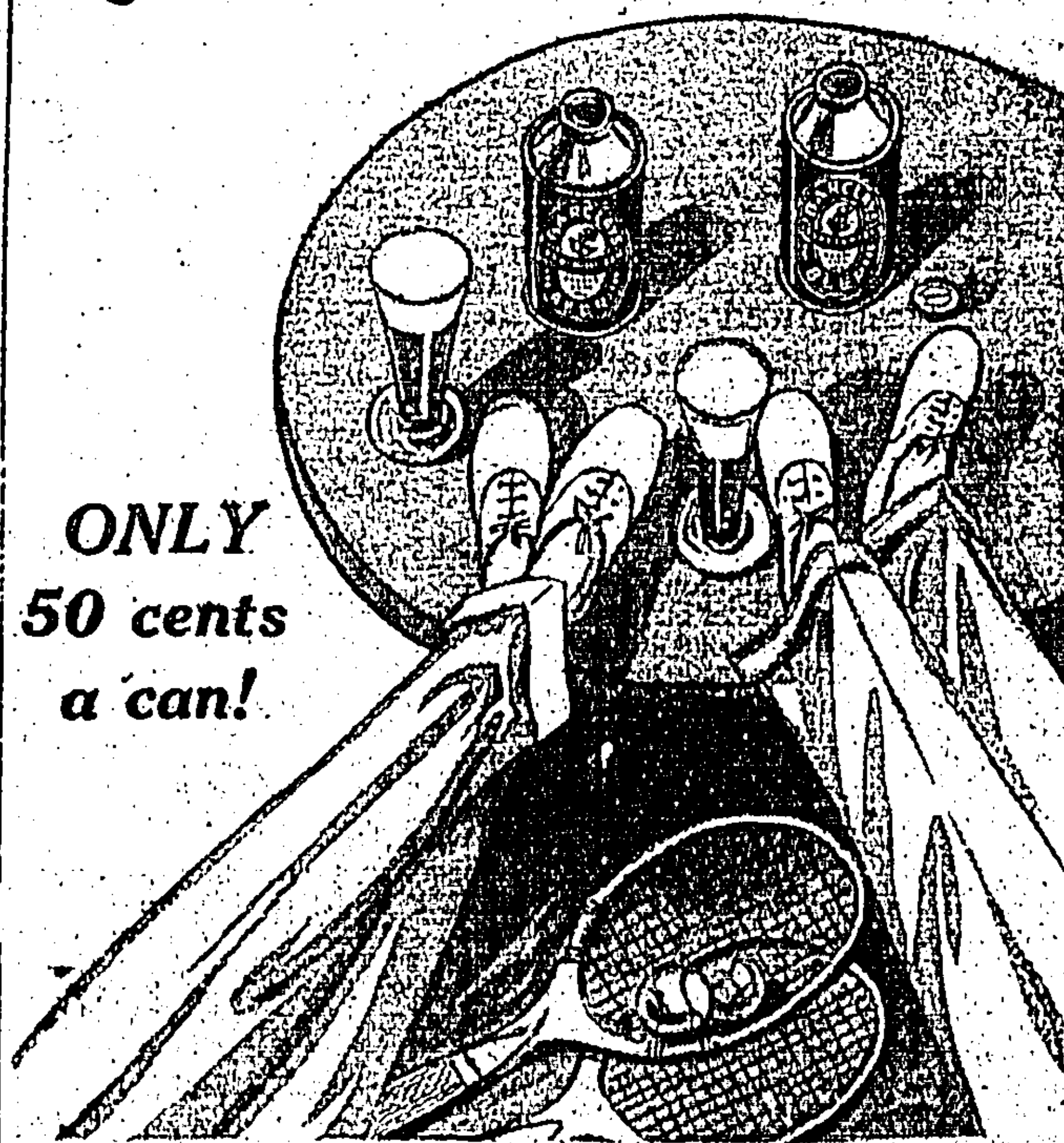
More and more help for Britain was urged by the "New York Times" in a leading article yesterday.

"The British are already holding our front line," the paper said.

"They are manning our defences and strengthening our security with their life-blood."

"Therefore, our help to them should be speeded up, not next Spring, or after the elections, but now." — Reuter.

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# GOERING'S MASS RAIDERS ROUTED, TURN TAIL

**TWO ATTEMPTS BY MASSES OF GERMAN PLANES TO REACH LONDON YESTERDAY FAILED COMPLETELY; THE CAPITAL HAD TWO WARNINGS BUT NO RAIDERS GOT THROUGH.**

Over 150 aircraft participated in the first raid, flying up the Thames Estuary in tight formation which was broken up by British gunners and fighters. One German bomber is reported to have crashed into the sea off Whitstable.

Ten minutes after the second wave of raiders had arrived they were racing for home fighting a rearguard action with a strong force of Hurricanes who pursued them home and are believed to have shot down one near Calais.

Routs were inflicted in both raids despite the fact that stronger escorts than ever were provided for each bomber.

Many bombs were dropped in Thames Estuary towns, some falling in working class districts.

## Attack On Southampton

The official Air Ministry and Ministry of Home Security account says that neither of two German formations consisting of bombers escorted by a large number of fighters, penetrated to London after attacking across the coast and in the area of the Thames Estuary.

Some bombs were dropped in Thames-side towns. Damage was caused to houses and buildings but the number of casualties was small.

Early in the afternoon an enemy air attack was made in the Southampton area. Some buildings were damaged and a number of casualties caused. During the afternoon enemy air activity was not on a large scale but in attacks by single aircraft bombs were dropped in a number of districts, including Brighton.

## Eight Shot Down

Damage was caused to houses and business premises and a number of casualties reported.

Eight enemy aircraft were destroyed yesterday. Four of our fighters were lost but the pilot of one is safe.

It is now established that two enemy bombers were shot down by A.A. guns during the night of Monday-Tuesday.—Reuter.

## LONDON'S MORALE UNSHAKEN

American journalists in London, who are allowed to roam freely and see what they want, continue to speak highly of the morale of the British people.

The London correspondent of the "New York Herald-Tribune" says that 98 per cent of the Nazi bombs have fallen on civilian sites. He goes on:

"Apparently the Germans have not yet realised that this does not make civilians want to quit. It makes them mad!"

The "New York Times" London correspondent says that the way in which the people of London have taken the attack has excited the admiration of all England and the Empire. He goes on to emphasise what many people fail to realise:

"The importance of the attack has been exaggerated, for important areas of London are not damaged." — Reuter.



Hitler the Mirth-Maker!

## LEGLESS PILOT AWARDED D.S.O.

**OFFICERS OF TWO R.A.F. fighter squadrons who have destroyed 84 enemy planes, a Count who was born in Berlin but is a naturalised Briton and a Polish airman, are the latest recipients of awards for gallantry in flying operations.**

The honours include the Distinguished Service Order to Acting Squadron Leader Bader, the 35-year-old legless pilot, who, after having both legs amputated following a crash, fought his way back to the R.A.F.

It is stated that during three recent engagements, Bader led his squadron with such skill and ability that 33 enemy planes were destroyed.

Bader added to his previous successes by destroying six enemy aircraft personally.

Sergeant Ozer Fratesek, of the Polish Squadron, who received the D.F.M., destroyed five enemy aircraft in one week.

The Count is Flying Officer Manfred Baskett Czernin, who receives the D.F.C. He has personally accounted for nine enemy aircraft in dog-fights.

## Night Hawks

Among other R.A.F. awards announced last night are the D.F.C. to Acting Wing-Commander David Wilson Reid, formerly with the British Military Mission in Egypt, and to Acting Squadron Leader W. E. Gardner in recognition of attacks on large concentrations at Ostend this month. Seven fighter pilots also get the D.F.C. including two who shot down enemy aircraft during night raids.—Reuter.

## CALL TO MOSLEMS OF WORLD

"If the Italian march towards Alexandria means anything it is a call to the Moslems of the world to resume the Crusades after seven centuries," said the Mullah Sahib of Bhutan in a sermon to a huge congregation at Bagn, in Tirah district. Germany and Italy were enemies of Islam and he ordered

## MADRAS TO GIVE TWO FOR ONE

The Governor of Madras has given an assurance to Lord Beaverbrook, Minister of Aircraft Production, that every plane of the squadron presented to Britain by Madras which is shot down will be replaced with two planes, the Madras radio, announced yesterday.

The announcer stated the Frontier Province Aircraft Fund was also mounting and the fourth list of subscribers, topped 70,000 rupees. In the United Provinces over one and a half lakhs of rupees was contributed to the War Fund by the people of Malra district.

The Governor of Bengal has given £10,000 to the Air Raid Victims Fund and a committee has been appointed in Calcutta under the chairmanship of the Mayor to collect further funds.—Reuter.

Affidits to do what they could to help the Government. The Mullah Sahib is widely respected in the Tirah district, an independent tribal territory on the North West Frontier.—British Wireless.

## JAPANESE PROTEST TO BRITAIN

Inviting the British Ambassador to call on him in Tokyo yesterday, the Japanese Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Ohashi, filed a vigorous protest with the British Government against the Singapore case.

Six Japanese, it will be recalled, including Mamoru Shinozaki, employee of the Japanese consulate-general, were arrested on Sunday.

The Japanese protest speaks of the "untoward action in searching Mr. Shinozaki's office and sealing the safe," and according to a Japanese report, Mr. Ohashi requested reconsideration of the case and demanded an immediate improvement in the situation arising from the arrest of Japanese residents in Singapore.

An official report from the Japanese consul-general in Singapore reveals that he called on the Civil Administration there on Sunday and filed a strong protest against the British action, to which the Administration is said to have explained that the search of Mr. Shinozaki's office was carried out in mistake for his private room.

The protest has resulted in the removal of the seal from Mr. Shinozaki's safe, the Japanese report adds.—Reuter.

## PRESENTED TO THE MIKADO

Colonel Luang, Vice-Minister of Defence and chairman of Thailand's goodwill mission now visiting Japan, was presented to the Emperor at 10.30 yesterday morning by the Thai charge d'affaires.—Reuter.

## LONDON MAY EVACUATE MOTHERS

Owing partly to the danger of bombing and partly to the danger of infectious disease if much time is spent in deep underground shelters, the evacuation of mothers with children of any age is being organised from some of the hard pressed areas in London.

Those wishing to go can register and Government will make arrangements to take them to the country.

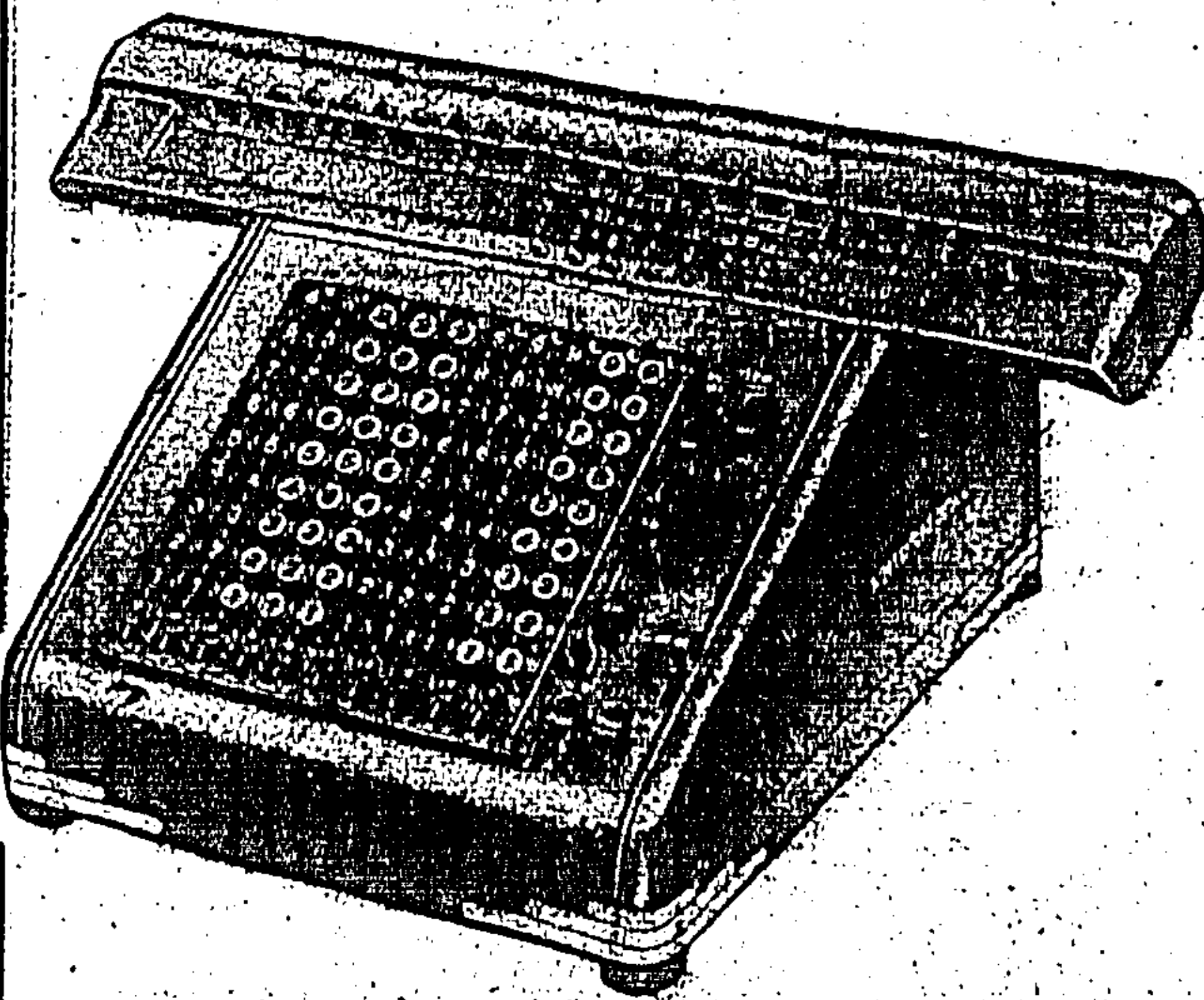
A total of 428,000 children of school age remain in the London area, and 464,000 have been evacuated.—Reuter.

## STOCK MARKET BRIGHTER

The London Stock Exchange yesterday responded to Mr. J. M. Keynes' broadcast on United Kingdom finances after one year of war by a firm tone, particularly among gilt-edged securities, among which there were small gains generally. Industrials were supported from the provinces while Kaffir dividend payers benefited from late local buying. Her groups were irregular. Wall Street was firm.—Reuter.

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# MONEY POURS IN FOR LONDON AIR RAID VICTIMS

**MORE EMPIRE WAR gifts and war relief donations were announced yesterday.**

The sum of £15,000 has been received from Madras for the purchase of aircraft; £4,000 from the Calcutta Club for general war purposes; and £4,000 from the Lahore "War Planes Fund."

The Lord Mayor of London's fund for the relief of air-raid victims now stands at nearly £850,000 and the Lord Mayor's Red Cross and St. John's Ambulance fund for the sick and wounded at nearly £3,200,000.

The latest contribution to the latter is a gift of £5,000 from Ceylon.

The fund for air-raid victim relief has just received £3,400 from Australian dried-fruit producers (most of whom are ex-servicemen); £2,400 from Australian ex-service fruit growers; 25,000 rupees from Nepal and gifts from the Seychelles and the Gold Coast.

The Junior American Red Cross has given £25,000 for homes in the safer areas for babies who have lost their homes.

Here are some of the most pitiful cases of need in the latter category:—

John, aged 2: His home was bombed on September 2. His mother, who is expecting another baby in October, was injured the next day. His father is out of work.

Mavis and Monica, aged 4 and 2: Their father is in the Army and their mother a munitions worker.

Bryan, aged 3: He was knocked unconscious by a bomb, and is now terrified by air-raids. — Reuter.

## BALLOON BARRAGE MEN THANKED

The gallantry and devotion to duty of balloon crews is warmly praised in the following message from Air-Chief Marshal Sir Cyril Newall, Chief of Air Staff, to Air Vice-Marshal Boyd, Air Officer Commanding Balloon Command:

"At the conclusion of a year of war I must convey to you my admiration at the splendid way in which the balloon crews in your Command have performed their duties. They have throughout been called upon to work long hours, often in conditions of much discomfort and exposed to all weathers.

Until recently your Command have had few opportunities of service of a spectacular nature. On the other hand their success cannot be measured by the number of enemy aircraft they bring down but by the general efficiency with which they play their part in air defence.

By keeping enemy bombers and fighters at a height where they can be effectively engaged by our fighters or anti-aircraft fire they have been invaluable members of the team upon the success of whose operations the safety of the entire country depends.

With the opening up of air warfare over this country on a large scale during the past month many balloon crews have carried out duties of a most spectacular and successful nature often under heavy attack from the enemy." — British Wireless.

## R.A.F. RAIDS IN MIDDLE EAST

An R.A.F. communique in Cairo yesterday said our bombers attacked aircraft on Menastir landing ground on Sunday. All the bombs fell on the target area.

On Tuesday a second attack was delivered. Three explosions among aircraft were followed by fire.

Two raids were made on Tobruk harbour on Tuesday. In the first, bombs burst among buildings and the jetty. In the second attack bombs were seen to fall on buildings very near ships beside the jetty.

Zula, in Eritrea, was attacked last Saturday. Fires were started in the centre of the camp and were visible miles away.

On Tuesday a successful attack was made on the aerodrome at Manadaga. Two fighters were definitely destroyed.

The South African Air Force aided Sciascannanna, in central Abyssinia, last Sunday. — Reuter.

## ST. LEGER MEETING CANCELLED

The Hurst Park meeting on October 28, including the St. Leger, has been cancelled. It is hoped to run the St. Leger at the Newmarket Broughton Meeting at the end of October. — Reuter.

## BUILDING CONTROL IN BRITAIN

The Government has decided to control civil building and a scheme of licensing will come into force on October 7 similar to that introduced in the middle of the last war.

The new plan will be operated by the Commissioner of Works and licensing officers have been appointed in each of the 12 regional areas.

It will forbid, with certain exceptions, any private building or construction operation which has not been authorised or licensed. Operations costing less than £500 will not require a license. — Reuter.

## RECORD OUTPUT OF GOLD

The highest monthly production for 23 years was achieved by the Southern Rhodesia gold mining industry during August and at Manadaga. Two fighters were total production for the first eight months of the current year exceeds one half million ounces—a record for the industry in previous years. — British Wireless.

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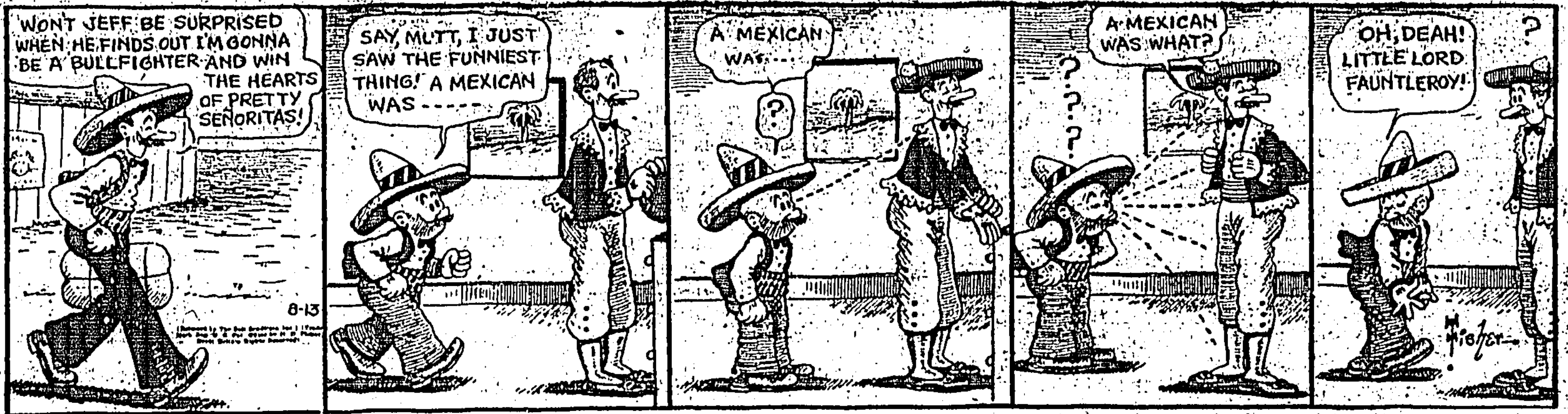
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# Biggest Raid Yet Made On Berlin

## EVACUATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

In connection with the recent appointment by His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government of an Evacuation Advisory Committee the following procedure to be adopted by the committee is announced:

1. The committee will consider applications for exemption from evacuation from women and children who have not already been granted exemption, and applications on behalf of women or children who desire to return to the Colony. It is emphasised that permission to return will be granted only in entirely exceptional cases. Appeals on medical grounds or on grounds of individual hardship will not generally be considered.
2. Applications should be made in the first place in writing, a full statement of the grounds on which the application is made being given. The committee will consider such application in private.
3. In the event of an application made under paragraph 2 not being granted, the applicant may

Reports from all sources show that Monday night's raid by the R.A.F. on Berlin was the biggest and one of the most successful yet carried out against the German capital.

More planes than ever before were sent over. Some squadrons were visiting Berlin for the first time; others were on their fourth journey.

Everything went like clock-work. The Commanding Officer of one British air-base reports:—"My aircraft went out at regular intervals. They came back just as regularly, like well-organised trains."

Five power stations in Berlin all came in for a steady hammering. One pilot alone started five large fires which were clearly visible 80 miles away. Bombs burst all over the power-stations and flames shot high into the air.

One pilot was guided in by a great fire and piled his bombs in on top of the inferno.

Another attacked a gas-works and saw his bombs burst among the buildings.

More pilots subsequently attacked the same gas-works. One apply to the committee for a hearing in person. Such applications will be heard in public session of the committee.

pilot reports:—

"We must have hit the gas-works fair and square. Our bombs started another line of fires and then a fire in the middle of the target started a gigantic explosion."

The B.M.W. aero-engine plant was also attacked, many bombs being dropped and many fires being started.

The Siemens cable works were set on fire.

American and Swedish correspondents say that the alarm was sounded in Berlin shortly before midnight and lasted just under four hours.

The German press and radio, as usual, came out with statements yesterday saying that the British bombers had made a "barbarous onslaught on the civilian population and hit no military objectives."

Berlin officially puts casualties at 11 killed and 14 injured.

Sight-seeing is not encouraged. The Berlin police have issued a new warning, saying that people who look at the damage done by the R.A.F. will be punished—"because this shows mistrust of official German reports that no military objects were touched."

The foreign press, too, is not allowed to see what was done—the correspondents did not even get a "Goebbels-conducted tour!"—Reuter.

## THEM WAS THE DAYS!

THE FIRST PUBLIC EXHIBITION OF THE FILM "A DESPATCH FROM REUTERS," IN WHICH EDWARD G. ROBINSON PLAYS THE PART OF BARON JULIUS DE REUTER, HAS BEEN FOLLOWED BY ITS EXHIBITION IN HOLLYWOOD YESTERDAY TO A SPECIALLY INVITED GROUP OF AMERICAN EDITORS, NEWSPAPER PROPRIETORS AND LEADER WRITERS.

The film deals with the foundation and early years of Reuters News Agency, culminating with the occasion when Reuters news of the assassination of Abraham Lincoln in 1865 reached England far in advance of official reports.—Reuter.

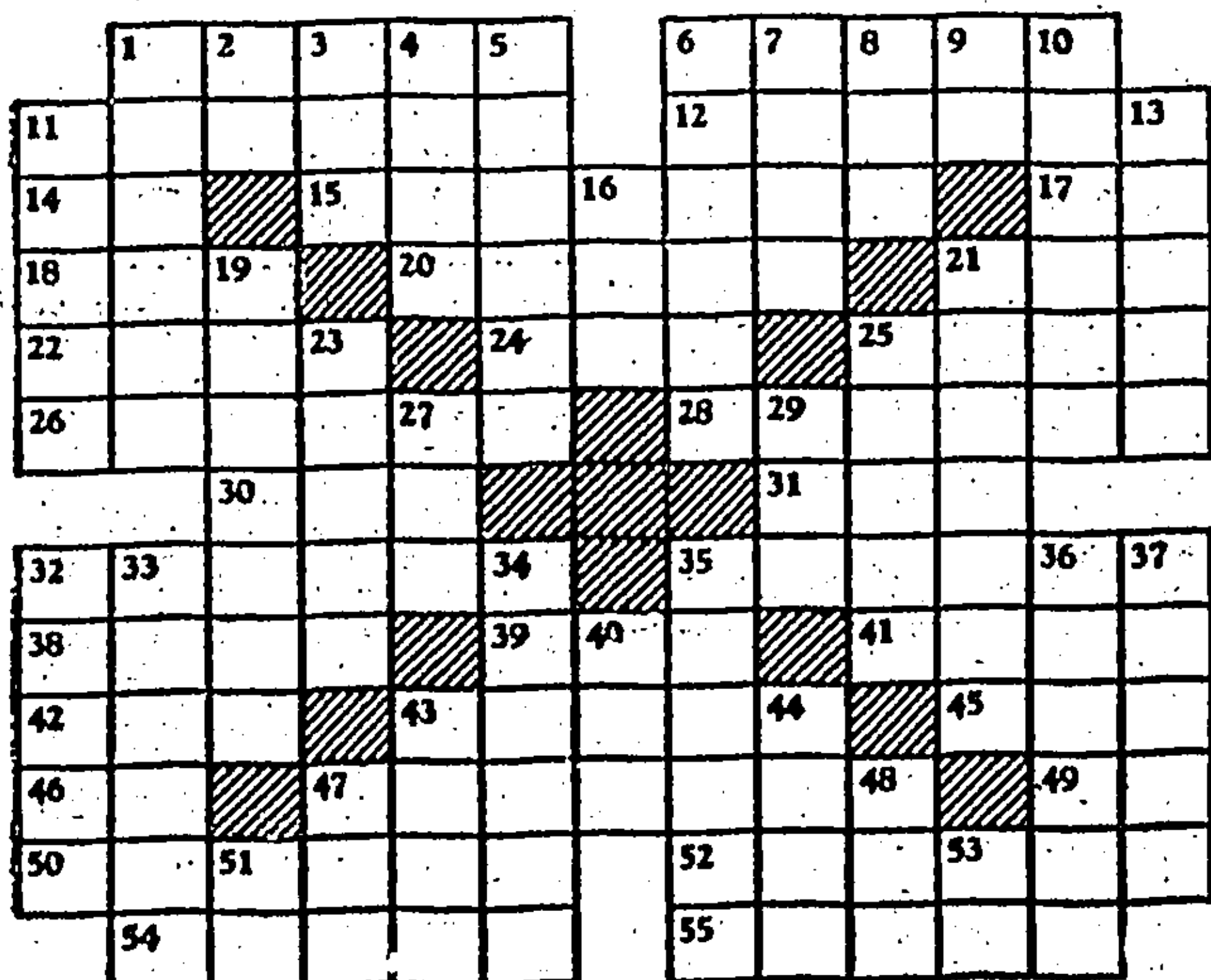
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- 17 Teutonic deity
- 18 Favourite
- 20 Hirelings
- 21 Female ruff
- 22 Silkworm
- 24 English river
- 25 Biblical weed
- 26 To swing loosely
- 28 To withstand
- 30 Happy
- 31 Exalted
- 32 Alleviation
- 33 Church seat
- 38 Furnace
- 39 To petition
- 41 Wife of Geraint
- 42 Insane
- 43 Prickly bush
- 44 To sink

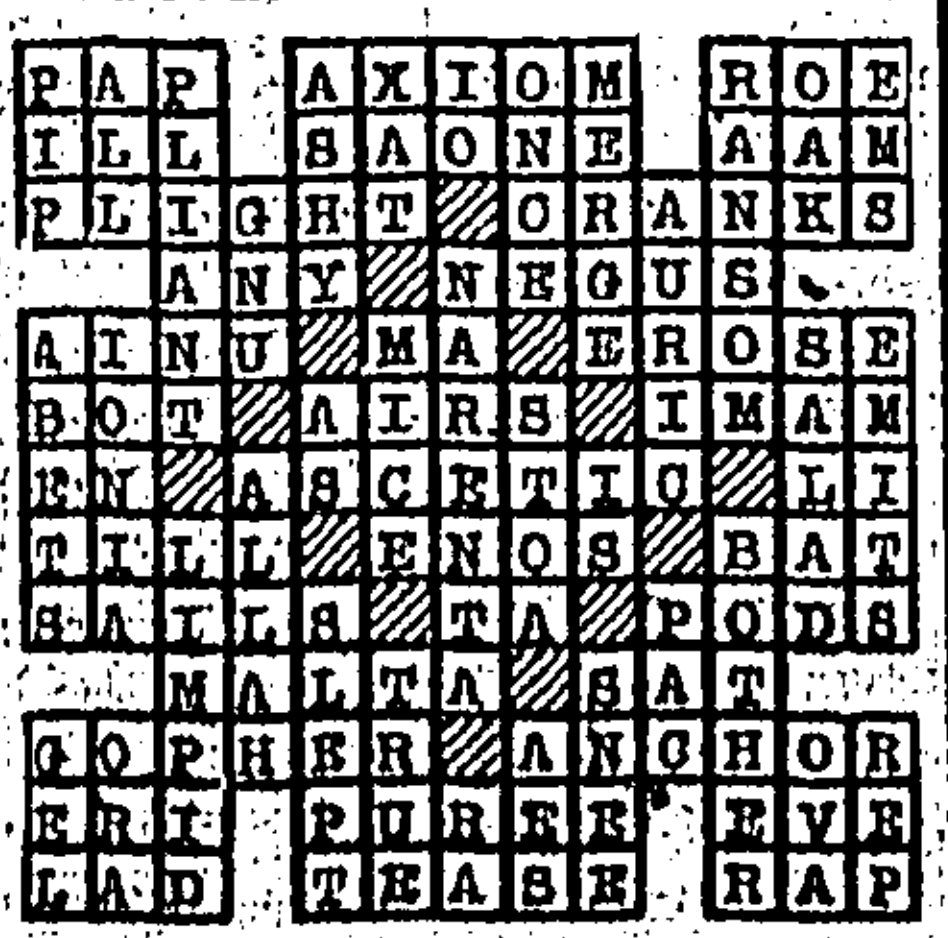
#### VERTICAL

- 1 Photographing instrument
- 2 Mulberry
- 3 Hawaiian food
- 4 Sea-eagles
- 5 To withdraw
- 6 To bestow

#### 7 Bohemian reformer

- 8 Devoured
- 9 Note of scale
- 10 Scoffs
- 11 Opened the mouth wide
- 13 To welcome
- 16 Before
- 19 Stung slightly
- 21 Dried grapes
- 23 Once more
- 25 Hebrew letter
- 27 Lixivium
- 29 Female sheep
- 32 Style of type
- 33 Escapes
- 34 Units of electrical capacity
- 35 Glided
- 36 Former French coins
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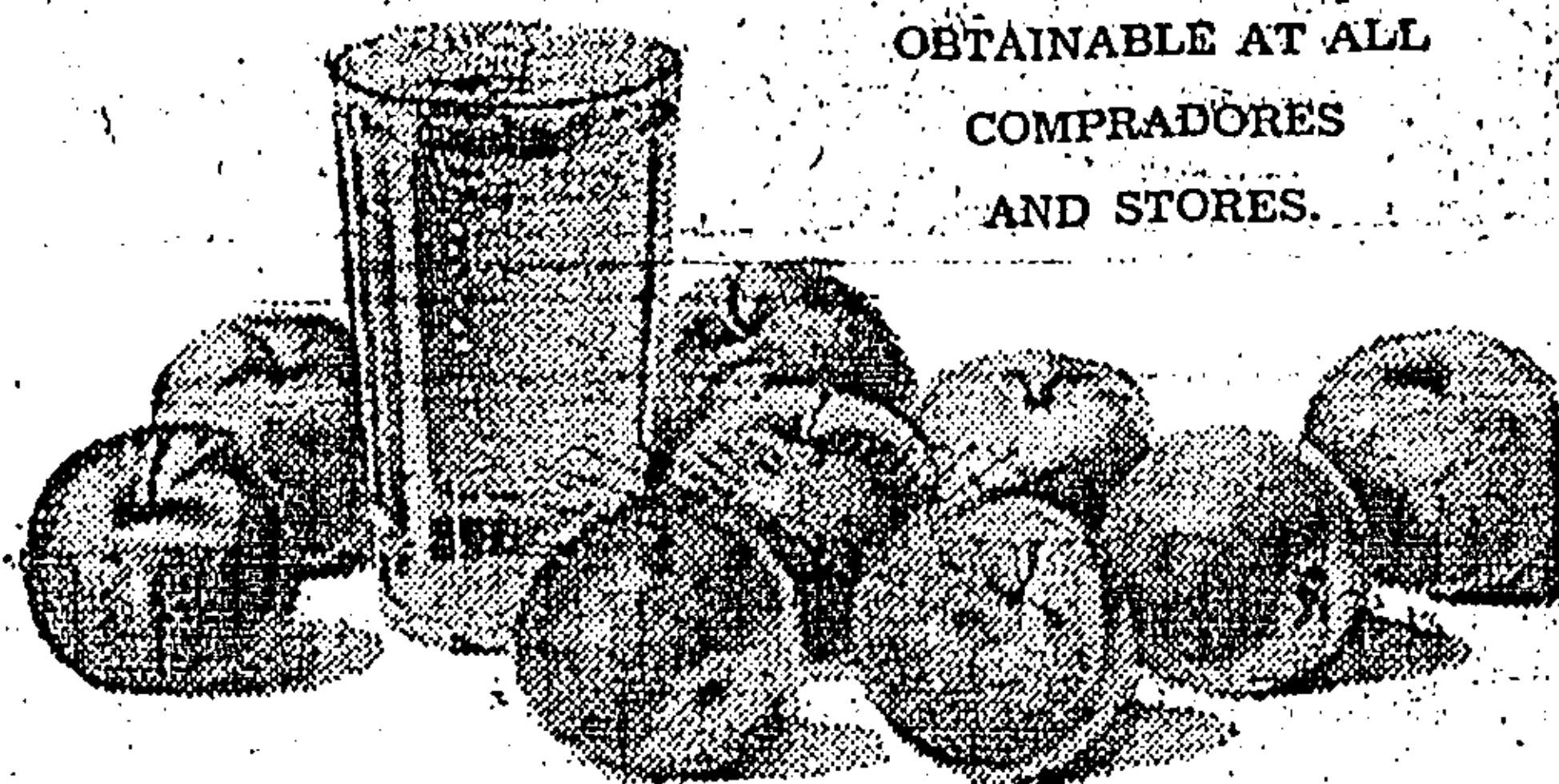




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**Dutch East Indies  
Silent On Events**

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

No official comment is forthcoming in the Netherlands East Indies on developments in Indo-China, says a Batavia cable to-day.

It is announced, however, that the Netherlands East Indies government has decided that interned German women will be allowed to leave Java concentration camps on condition that they immediately depart from the Indies.

Many of the German women originally planned to remain because they believed the European war would end quickly.

It is officially announced that members of the German consular staff will leave Batavia shortly. This arrangement was made after Swiss government through diplomatic channels successfully negotiated with the Nazis for the release of Dutch consular officials from Germany.

Meanwhile NEI-Japanese economic negotiations continue following a preliminary talk between the chiefs of the delegations, Mr. Ichizo Kobayashi, the Japanese Minister of Commerce and Industry, and H. J. Van Mook, NEI director of economic affairs. Mr. Kobayashi is spending a few days in the mountains near Bandoeng.

Defence preparations are being made to schedule. Air attack and first aid organisations exist in most cities. The personnel of the organisations in Batavia includes 6,000 volunteers. Camouflage on most buildings has been completed. The army centre at Bandoeng will practice black-outs during three nights next week.

**CAUGHT IN  
FIFTEEN  
MINUTES**

How smart work by a Chinese detective attached to the Shamshui Police Station resulted in a bicycle being recovered 15 minutes after it was stolen was mentioned before Mr. Q. A. A. MacLayden at Kowloon this morning, when Wong Cheong, 40, was sentenced to two months' hard labour.

The bicycle was stolen from a shop in Cheungshawan Road at 10.30 a.m. and the Chinese detective, recovered it in Wai Ching Street at 10.45 a.m.

Inspector W. H. Nolloth, prosecuting, asked the Magistrate to take a serious view of the case as an average of 10 bicycle thefts occur daily in Kowloon.

**"SCROUNGING" IN  
L.C.'S**

THREE CHINESE WERE CHARGED BEFORE MR. G. T. LOWRY THIS MORNING, WITH LARCENY OF PROVISIONS FROM LANE CRAWFORD LTD., YESTERDAY.

The accused, Leung Man, 27, coolie, and Yeung Koon-sing, 42, salesman, were seen by another Chinese employee taking three bottles of Horlicks, two half pound tins of Ovaltine, and four tins of Colman's mustard, and pass into another department.

Chan Choi, 28, was discharged owing to lack of evidence.

The other two were remanded for consideration of sentence.

Detective Sergeant A. F. Cochrane prosecuted.

**THIEF WHO PICKED  
ON CHILDREN**

Caught red-handed by an Indian constable, who saw him cutting a jade bangle from a child's wrist in Hunghom yesterday morning, Wong Fat, 29, unemployed, was sentenced to six weeks' hard labour by Mr. E. Himsworth at Kowloon this morning.

When searched, another jade bangle and a razor blade were found in his pocket. He admitted that he stole the bangle from another child in Shanghai Street.

Accused was given two additional months for unlawful possession of the second bangle.

**CHINA'S  
VIEW OF  
INDO-CHINA  
MOVES**

The entry of Japanese troops into French Indo-China marks the beginning of Japan's southward expansion and if no steps are taken to check further Japanese moves, the arm of aggression will soon extend to the Netherlands East Indies and even the Philippines.

Thus, declared Dr. Wang Chung-hui, Minister of Foreign Affairs, in an interview with the Chungking correspondent of the "Sing Tao Jih Pao" yesterday.

Dr. Wang expressed the hope that the United States will immediately take effective action, and that French Indo-China will continue to resist the Japanese invasion with armed force.

As a measure of self-defence, China will readily offer assistance to the French.

Competent observers in Chungking remarked that the French Indo-China authorities committed a serious blunder in agreeing to the Japanese passage of troops through the Colony, according to a Chungking despatch to the local "National Times." The day they agreed to this marked the beginning of Indo-China's integrity, though ostensibly it is intact.

The boom of artillery in northern Indo-China immediately following the signing of the agreement bore eloquent testimony to this fact.

**SAID HE WAS A  
POLICE OFFICER**

Charged with impersonating a police officer and with assault, Wong Ah-lo, 27, was fined \$60, or seven weeks' hard labour by Mr. E. Himsworth at Kowloon this morning.

Accused was alleged to have stopped and searched Lau Kwong-hing, 17, pig breeder, in Yat Tack Road at 2 p.m. last Friday, after declaring that he was a police officer.

Complainant alleged that accused also struck and pushed him.

**TIME LIMIT**

Mr. Edward Marques, of No. 21, Hankow Road, first floor, was summoned before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., this morning, for failing to report his arrival in the Colony on September 3, within the prescribed period.

Defendant said that he was told by an officer on board the ship that the period was two weeks.

Det. Sergeant J. Heddridge prosecuted.

A fine of \$25 was imposed.

**NO RADIO LICENCE**

Summoned before Mr. Q. A. A. MacLayden this morning, Wong Kwong, of No. 213, Fu Yuen Street, was fined \$10 for possession of a wireless set without a licence.

Accused stated that he had a licence, but, owing to his ignorance of the regulations did not renew it in time. The licence had since been renewed.

**SUBMARINE  
"THAMES"  
OVERDUE**

The Admiralty announced yesterday that H.M. submarine Thames (Lt-Comm. W. D. Dunkerly, R.N.) is overdue and must be considered lost. Next of kin have been informed.—Reuter.

**E-BOATS  
SCUTTLE  
FOR HOME**

Five German E-boats—fast motor torpedo-boats—cruising off Cap Gris Nez yesterday afternoon were bombed by six British bombers.

The E-boats were strung out in line several miles from the French coast and were clearly visible from the Kent coast. A German seaplane circled above.

Suddenly half a dozen R.A.F. bombers swooped from high in the clouds and started dive bombing.

Columns of water 100 feet high leapt into the air along the line of motor-boats, hiding the latter from view.

Protecting Spitfires sped across the sky as the bombers climbed again for another attack.

No direct hits were observed but all the E-boats turned and dashed for the shore.—Reuter.

**GRAZIANI  
STILL  
PAUSING**

No change has occurred in the situation in the Western Desert, according to a G.H.Q. communique in Cairo yesterday which stated that during the evening of Sept. 22, artillery silenced some enemy batteries.

Mersa Matruh was raided four times during the night of Sept. 22/23. There were no casualties.

Nothing to report on other fronts.—Reuter.

**EVACUEE LINER  
WAS  
"CITY OF BENARES"**

It is now revealed that the child evacuee ship torpedoed last Tuesday was the Ellerman liner City of Benares, which was launched in 1936 and was the company's flag-ship. She was the largest two-funnelled ship built for the Indian service.—Reuter.

**DEPRESSION  
OVER TONGKING!**

The Royal Observatory reports that the anticyclone remains over north Japan and the Pacific to the eastward and is decreasing in intensity. Depressions are situated over Tongking and to the north-east of the Bonins.

The typhoon is moving north-eastward about 200 miles north of Yap.

**7,000 ITALIANS  
INTERNEED**

A round-up of Italians in Cairo is reported. It is understood that so far 7,000 persons have been interned.—Reuter.



**CHINA MAIL**  
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## UNDER DURESS

Japanese have moved into Indo-China—by military and diplomatic coercion.

Under directly applied pressure and on orders from Vichy, the French colonial authorities have surrendered, and signed an agreement with the Japanese representatives at Hanoi which is almost unprecedented in international relations.

No glossing over of the fact of outright surrender of the French diplomatic resistance is possible. An agreement was signed and immediately applied giving the Japanese air base rights, with significant license for the maintenance of troops to police the air bases. In other words the Japanese have forced open the doors, entered under the cloak of legal authority, obtained an invitation that smells of gunpowder and bears the appearance of something superimposed on a military map.

The French surrender is a part of the collapse that started on the battlefields of France. Admiral De Coux gave in after weeks of negotiating, showing numerous bursts of firmness against odds too great for him and possibly the defence forces at his command.

So far there is no definite indication of what Hanoi expects next. Surely there could have been no assumption that the surrender settles the case, that Japan will stop on an entering wedge. It is impossible to imagine a situation much more unsatisfactory and much more certain of further developments.

Japan has established a new front, at virtually no cost has made a material advance. But the advance is one that requires a follow-up before it pays dividends, in either a military or an economic way. The Japanese now are in a position to strike at China from another side, or rather from an extension of a side that already existed. But it is a virtual certainty that China will strike back and that the war will move into Indo-China, and this may further force the hand of the French colonial authorities, may bring further developments in the direction that already has been set or may effect a reversal, depending on the grinding of the stones between which the French colony is caught.

Among arms the laws are proverbially somewhat silent, but the official is not. He and his kind become known as "expert authorities" by themselves and as "they" by the general. "Expert authorities" pronounce the necessity of attaching to the Government, says officialdom. "They are going to take," say the rest of us. On the whole, this "rest of us" speaks and writes the more seemly English. But it is odd to notice how "officials" filters through even into the pleasant simplicities of rustic speech. Not long ago there was a broadcast about war-time on the farm which was delivered by Wiltshire cowmen, shepherds, and labourers in a natural way with an agreeable burr to their speech and a sensible reliance upon the vocabulary of the village. But suddenly, in the midst of it, one cowman said, "We, with our depleted staff . . ." Instead of "We, with many away."

Depleted staff! It is the very hallmark of officialdom, with its Latinity and its use of a formal and imposing word, staff, instead of the simpler "hands" or "men." We need not suppose that the cowman wished to be imposing and to seem a fine, book-learned speaker at the "mike." He might have used the phrase any day at his own fireside, because words of this kind come pouring over the air and are inserting themselves

into the common talk "unknownst," as they used to say. The ancient Greeks had a nice phrase about the man who "escaped his own notice becoming drunk." So nowadays we escape our own notice becoming pompous.

The war, through the power it gives to bureaucracy and to the industrialist turned administrator, will certainly add to our language—or rather inflate it. The tendency of such people is always to prefer a new and heavy word to an old and short one. Instead of bidding us meet their Mr. Smith in Birmingham, they would have us "contact" him. In doing that they are following a habit particularly dear to the American—that is, to take the noun belonging to a verb and then turn that noun into another and longer verb. The most absurd and offensive example of this is the use of the word "to decision." Decide is not nearly swollen enough for the swollen-headed Napoleon of a Film Corporation. "Have you decided this?" he inquires with a happy illusion of appearing the Educated Man.

There is, of course, a good case for keeping the language fluid and receptive. Mr. H. L. Mencken, some of whose observations on this matter were recently quoted in the "Reader's Digest," justly

points out that Shakespeare and Ben Jonson enriched English frequently by their use of nouns as verbs. What an excellent word, for example, is the Shakespearean "to spaniel"—that is, to follow in a flattering, fawning way, as the officers under Antony "spaniel'd him at heels"! But such a trick is quite different from the abominable malpractice of taking the

instead of "to write." The object here is to have a Latin word of two syllables instead of a Saxon word of one, the notion being that the simpleton to whom the films appeal will be vastly impressed by reading that the super-glamorous, super-masterpiece "Dream of Desire" has been "authored" instead of being just written, like the Bible or any mere book of the past.

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abstract noun from a verb and then using that as a verb—e.g., "to decision." Mr. Mencken does dismiss as silly such a usage as that, but he notes with satisfaction the official usage of "to contact" in his country and the American Navy's acceptance of the verb "to message."

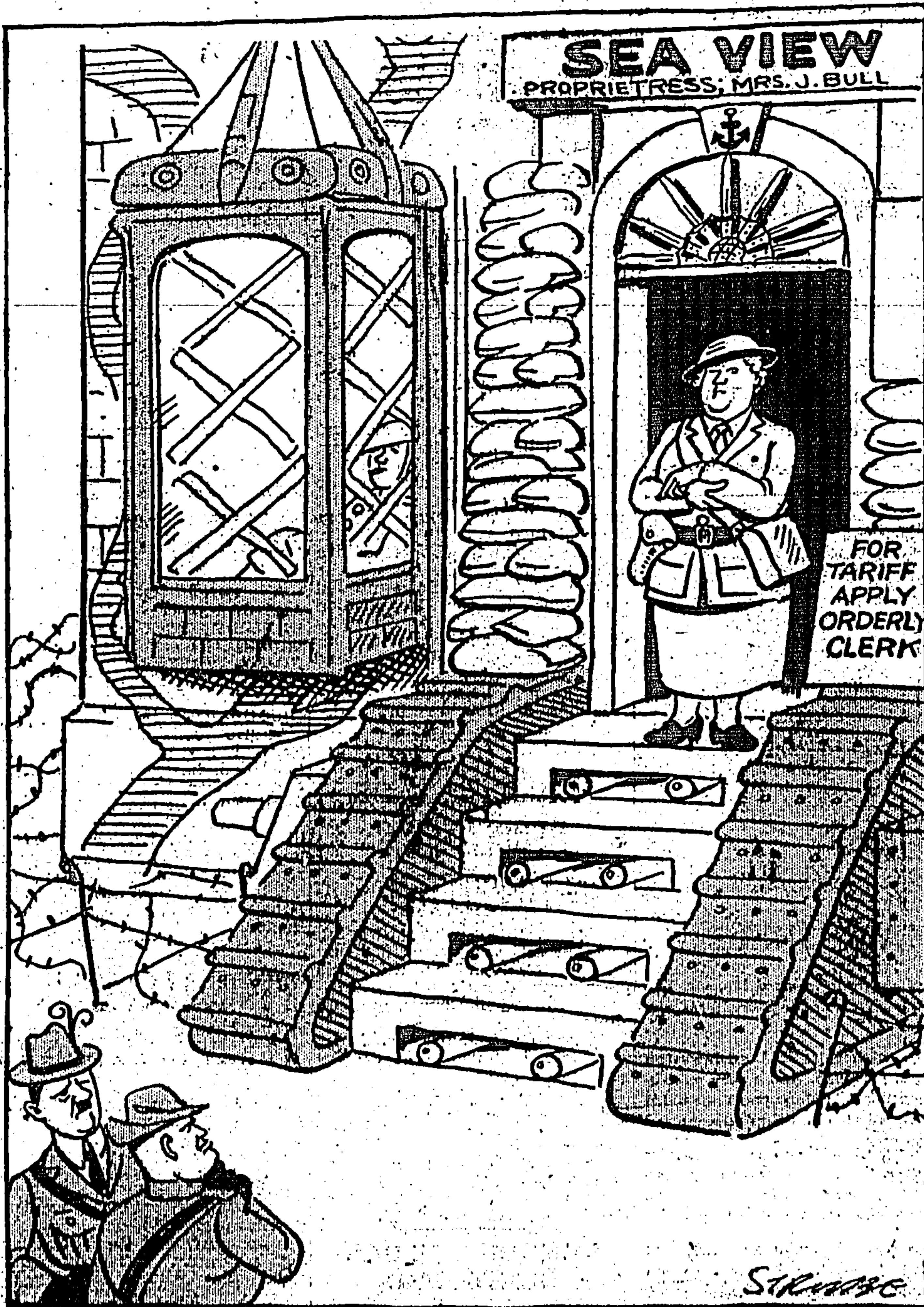
He gently dismisses "to signature" as "redundant." It is, in fact, as odious a waste of breath and space as "to decision," since it adds two more syllables to a perfectly good word of one. That ridiculous habit of making additions, in order to seem important, is to be seen again in the film trade's use of the word "to author."

Many words which were scolded on their first appearance have since lived on to acquire a good character, as well as to perform a good function. Mr. Mencken quotes "belittle," first used by Thomas Jefferson in 1787 and violently derided in London, and mentions as others once tabu in orthodox quarters but now accepted, freely employed, and allotted dictionary status "influential, handy, mileage, dutiable, lengthy, to advocate, to legislate, to progress, and to locate." "To progress" is, perhaps, the most interesting of this list. It is a verb formed from a noun, but it is at least not long or clumsy. One may suspect that in a short time an eminent Film "Executive" will dismiss it as paltry and insufficient for the trumpeting of his forward-looking purposes and proceed to invent the noun "progression" and then to use it as a verb. "The fact that we have decided to create an All-Star Motion Picture in Glorious Stereoscopic Technicolour to run for eight hours with only two intermissions indicates the rate of progression envisaged by Paragon Pictures." Incidentally, Britain seems now to have swallowed and, as well as may be, digested the American use of "executive" as a noun. Being long and Latin, it is a natural favourite with those who so learnedly call a lift an "elevator" and bid you "operate" instead of work it.

Mr. Mencken mentions several other cases of turning a long noun into a verb. American business, and possibly English business too by now, uses "to questionnaire" when it means "to ask." There is some excuse for the curt and expressive verb "to net-work" as applied to the "hook-ups" of the American radio systems, and Sales Talk may surely have "to gift-price" if it insists, as it has already had "to style" for its tailoring departments. It would be priggish and futile to deny the various crafts and trades their own especial lingo. What is desirable is to keep those crafts and trades from employing the heavy, monotonous jargon dear to officials and the big commercial "executives." When farm labourers talk about "depleted staff" it is as much time to cry for mercy as when we read on the screen of a new picture about Shakespeare or Chaucer that it has been "authored and signed" by Sol P. Schmalzheimer.

Nobody in his senses wants to pin a language down. Indeed, amid the chances and changes of our time, it would be as hard so to do as for one man to tack down a carpet in a gale of wind. We shall welcome the new verb whenever it is effective and attractive, as "to spaniel" certainly was and we might very well revive many simple and significant verbs that have fallen into disuse, presumably because they were too simple for a pretentious age—"to cog," for example, meaning "to cheat" or "to deceive." But we shall, I hope, draw the strictest line at the more classical formidables like "to signature" and "to decision."

How far America has been overwhelmed by this passion for classicism is revealed in another article in the same "Reader's Digest." This concerns the followers of the holy man of Harlem, who has called himself in turn The Messenger, Major J. Devine, Father Divine, and finally God. This celestial, who has an immense following, bids the flock "contact me harmoniously" and assures them that he is "visibilizing and tangibilizing" their fondest imagination. The gentleman may act as a very good influence on the ethics and happiness of Harlem, but he is plainly doing the American language no service whatsoever. The Negroes who once made their spirituals out of Bible English were fortunate to avoid this dreadful jargon of the new evangelism.

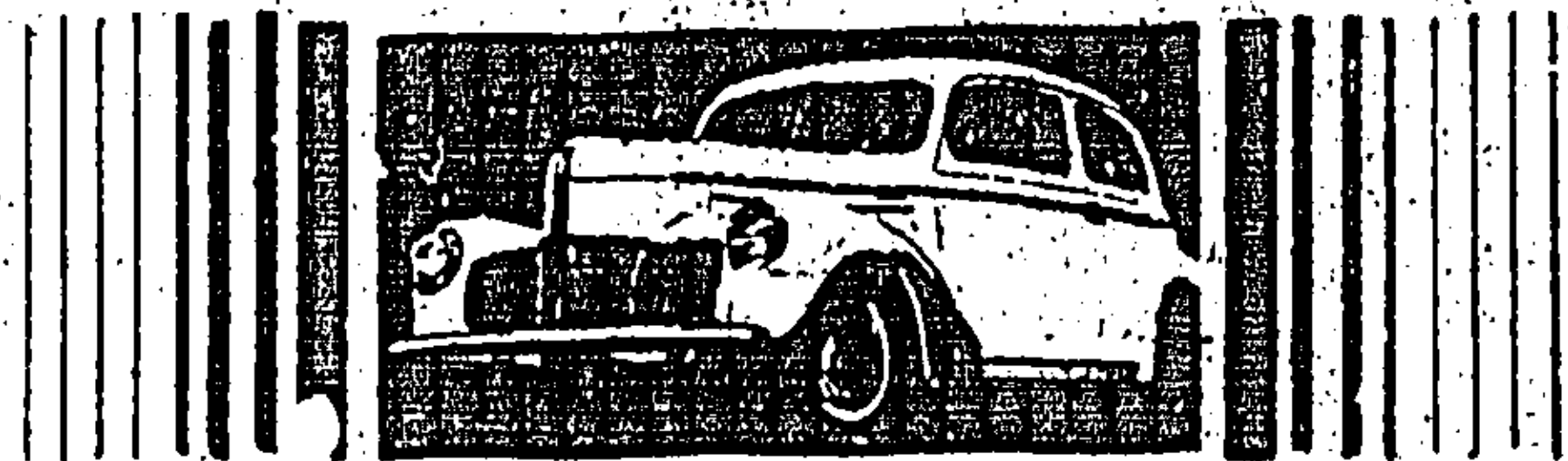


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"His Lordship's notions of hospitality are not of this century. He seemed to think he had a sacred duty to lay me low beneath the table. I marvel that I'm here to tell the tale."

"Yes in some ways His Lordship is

well abreast of modern thought. This bottle of Rose's Lime Juice, Sir, in your room."

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"So that's why I'm still alive and kicking? Well, well, one lives and learns. Go and boil the kettle for my bath. I don't want to miss my breakfast."

# DAKAR OPERATIONS STILL IN PROGRESS

REUTER WAS informed in London yesterday afternoon that the operations between British naval forces and General de Gaulle's Free French forces against land batteries and French warships at Dakar are still in progress.

General de Gaulle decided to invade Dakar following German and Italian infiltration and assumption of control there, states a communique issued by General Headquarters of the Free French forces in London.

## CITY READY FOR SIEGE

Londonderry's famous gates have been closed again in preparation for a possible siege.

The gates were last closed when King James II's army besieged the city in 1689 and Londonderry earned the title of the "Maiden City" in tribute to its epic defence, which is famous in history.

## SHIPPING COMPANY FINED

THE MANAGER OF THE MESSAGERIES MARITIMES WAS SUMMONED BEFORE MR. H. G. SHELDON, K.C., THIS MORNING, FOR FAILING TO SUPPLY A LIST OF NON-CHINESE PASSENGERS TO THE POLICE, AS AGENT FOR THE S.S. LOAS, WHICH ARRIVED IN THE COLONY ON SEPTEMBER 12.

Mr. P. Wynter Blyth, pleading guilty on behalf of the company, said that a clerk whose duty it was to prepare the list for the authorities was on Volunteer duty on the day when the s.s. Loas arrived.

Det. Sergeant J. Headridge told the Court that after the arrival of the s.s. Loas, no list was sent to the Registration Office. A French gentleman visited the office and reported his arrival, and the Police found that there were three other Frenchmen on board the s.s. Loas. A fine of \$100 was imposed.

## THOSE DEFENCE REGULATIONS FORGOTTEN

Miss Kathleen Oh, of No. 19, Gage Street, was fined \$25 by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., this morning, for having in her possession a camera in Repulse Bay on September 1.

Sergeant Mackenzie said he saw defendant using the camera at Repulse Bay.

A Chinese student, Chan Cheuk-kin, of No. 46, Bonham Road, was fined \$25 for a similar offence.

Detective Sergeant R. Mcvey said defendant was using the camera in Pokfulam Road near the University playground.

## LONDON'S USUAL NIGHT RAID

London's 122nd air raid of the war began just before 9 o'clock last evening, when the capital's A.A. guns opened up with a thunderous roar.

The attacking force was composed of military, naval and aerial units. The French troops were escorted by battleships of the Free French Navy.

British naval forces were present only to assure supplementary protection against any attack carried out with German participation.

The Dakar authorities were the first to assume responsibility for opening hostilities against the French.

When a peaceful landing of French troops was attempted the Dakar authorities opened fire on the French ships. Several members of the crew were killed and a large number wounded.

## Not Ceased

Desiring to avoid a fight between Frenchmen, General de Gaulle removed his forces to a distance.

The Dakar authorities have not ceased firing on the French forces and the British ships since the start of the operations.—Reuter.

## Vichy's Garblings

Vichy has been putting out a highly coloured account of a supposed British landing which Vichy naturally says was repulsed.

The truth is that no British landing attempt has yet been made either at or near Dakar.

General de Gaulle set out for Dakar in response to the clear desires of the majority of the population of Dakar to join Free France.

There has been abundant evidence that the Germans were making persistent efforts to bring Dakar under their control. Dakar is a well equipped naval base and important strategic centre, besides being the terminus for the air line across the South Atlantic.—Reuter.

## AXIS 'IFS' SETTLED

A HINT OF THE PART AFRICA MAY HAVE PLAYED IN THE RECENT RIBBENTROP/MUSSOLINI TALKS WAS GIVEN YESTERDAY BY THE ITALIAN COLONIAL MINISTER, WHO HAS BEEN ENGAGED IN DISCUSSIONS IN GERMANY.

Future collaboration between Germany and Italy was completely settled, he said yesterday.

Ribbentrop has now reported to Hitler about the talks.

No statement has yet been issued as to what was achieved, but it is believed that the Germans demanded a hand in Syria by the addition of German advisors to the Italian armistice commission.—Reuter.

## THOUGHT THEY KNEW

Miss Ida Grigorievna Mirkin, of No. 15, Babbington Path, was cautioned by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., this morning, for failing to report her departure from the Colony on May 31.

Miss Mirkin said she went to the Passport Office for a visa for her passport, and thought it was not necessary to report again, since the authorities already knew that she was leaving the Colony.

Det. Sergeant J. Headridge said it was not until defendant reported her return on September 10, that the Police found she had not reported her departure.

## TO BE DEGRADED A SECOND TIME?

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

First move of the Vichy Government in connection with the Dakar incident was setting up yesterday of a special court-martial to try General de Gaulle and his "accomplices"—presumably in their absence.—Havas.

## BOMBING OF INVASION PORT BASES

Further British bombing operations of the French-Belgian coast were announced by the Air Ministry news service last evening.

At the naval station at Brest yesterday morning, long lines of bombs were dropped on the torpedo boat station, oil tanks and stores.

Heavy explosions occurred followed by four fires. A pillar of dense black smoke enveloped the harbour, and the flames were visible more than 20 miles from the French coast. Other aircraft of the Coastal Command laid sticks of bombs across the canal mouth at Zeebrugge. Unusually large flashes followed the explosions of their salvoes.—Reuter.

## ANOTHER A.E.F. DIVISION

ANOTHER DIVISION OF THE AUSTRALIAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCE IS TO BE FORMED, MR. MENZIES PREMIER, ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY.

The nucleus of this division, the Ninth Division, will be certain units already overseas; the rest will leave soon.

Major-General Henry Gordon Bennett has been made Commanding Officer of the Eighth Division, which is still in Australia.—Reuter.

## ATTACK ON NAZI MINESWEEPERS

A formation of British bombers escorted by fighters attacked enemy minesweepers in the English Channel yesterday afternoon, states an Air Ministry communique.

Hits were obtained on two vessels and another was damaged by bombs which burst close to it. During this operation an attack was made by enemy fighters in which one of our bombers was shot down and one enemy destroyed.—Reuter.

## PREFERENCE FOR SHIPBUILDERS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") Japanese ship-builders are to be given preferential treatment in the Government's distribution of steel material, it was announced in Tokyo to-day. Ship-builders this year will get 20 per cent more metals than in 1939; to enable 10, that the Police found she had not reported her departure, much as possible.—Havas.



# NO RETREAT IN BATTLE OF BRITAIN

SENTRIES AND look-outs stand guard along the British coast at dawn ready to sound the call for the sternest battle of the beaches in history.

Should an invading German force come out of the morning North Sea mist and, cutting through the protective screen of the British Navy and R.A.F., succeed in making landings, they will come face to face with regiments of an Army ordered to fight to the last man. Some of them were toughened for such a battle by Dunkirk.

A major in a famous Scots unit which saw service in the Battle of France, said at a brigade headquarters, tucked away in the quiet countryside where they await the threatened Battle of Britain:

"There is no question of our retiring to a second line of defence."

For this reason these men have only an academic interest in what goes on in readiness for the Nazi hordes beyond the beaches. What the rest of the 2,500,000-strong Army and Home Guard are doing is not their concern. They are there for one purpose—to die.

## Modern Martello Tower

Here are other features of the story of how all the Services of the Crown—Navy, Army, Air Force, L.D.V. and the unknown warriors—will help to repel any land, sea and air invasion.

LAND.—Flotillas of speedboats, followed by waves of flat-bottomed craft from which Hitler may attempt to land his hordes will get a hot reception.

They will have to cut through a thick curtain of heavy and light gunfire. The system of pill-boxes and other strong points from which this fire will be directed has turned the whole coastline into a modernised version of the Martello tower of defence adopted to meet the threat of invasion by another dictator—Napoleon.

Behind the grim lines of khaki beach defenders, "stops," strategically placed to hold up any light tanks landed, were more impressive than anything of the same nature seen in France.

SEA: The Navy is at the "ready" ashore as well as afloat.

Men on destroyers and other surface craft in harbour await eagerly the order to turn from the work of convoy, on which they are engaged chiefly at the moment. Submarine crews hope they won't be left out of the fun.

## R.A.F. Is Confident

AIR: Pilots of the Fighter Command await all comers in the air with a tremendous optimism about the outcome of any major clash with the German Air Force. This opinion of their record of successes is justified.

Supreme confidence in the superior quality of their aircraft, and a growing belief that the Germans are beginning to feel the strain of the loss of so many of their best-trained pilots and crews sustains the faith of the R.A.F. Preparations have been made for the protection of airfields which Hitler may expect to seize with droves of parachutists.

One does not envy Hitler's army if it ever does attempt to march through this Land of Nowhere which is Britain today—more especially if the weather is bad.

Steps taken to defend "every village, every town and every city," in accordance with the Prime Minister's assurance, represent an impressive record of high-speed endeavour.

## DANES SLAVE FOR NAZIS

UNEMPLOYED IN DENMARK ARE TO BE MADE TO WORK FOR THE NAZIS—GATHERING THE HARVEST FROM NOW ON THE UNEMPLOYED WILL BE GIVEN NO DOLE.

Switzerland is in a bad way economically. Half a million demobilised soldiers cannot find work. Switzerland's isolated position makes the matter more serious.

These reports on conditions in Europe were given out by Moscow radio recently.

## SHANGHAI TRANSPORT STRIKE

The transportation problem in Shanghai was further aggravated this morning when French Concession trams and buses failed to appear.

It is reported the French Concession workers struck in sympathy with the International Settlement tram and bus employees.

With the city's entire cheap transportation system at a standstill, ricksha coolies are doing a thriving business.

The present transportation tie-up is the greatest in recent years as it is the first time in Shanghai history that the entire bus and tram services of the two foreign areas have been paralysed.—Reuter.

## Sit-Down Strike

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") Following the refusal of the Shanghai General Omnibus Company to comply with demands presented a few days ago, the entire personnel of the company went on strike yesterday morning.

As a result the International Settlement was deprived of all means of public transportation since Tramway workers walked out a few days ago. Pending negotiations between the strikers and company officials the buildings of the Bus Company are being guarded by 100 police of the S.M.C. and 30 Ta Tao police.

Four hundred mechanics remained in the buildings, staging a sit-down strike. The strikers presented 23 demands which are now being discussed.—Havas.

## French Trams Run

Later. The French tramways have begun running, each car carrying two police as a precaution. It is understood the French tram workers were forced to walk out by the Settlement strikers.—Reuter.

## CHOLERA CASES

Fourteen cases of cholera were registered yesterday—eight in Kowloon, five in Victoria, and one in the New Territories, besides six cases of typhoid, 13 cases of dysentery, 46 cases of tuberculosis and one case of meningitis.

## HE WON'T SERVE PETAIN

Rather than serve the Petain Government, M. Paul Pazery, Vice-Consul in Philadelphia, U.S., has submitted his resignation to the French Embassy at Washington.

## SEAPLANE SAVES A CONVOY

After flying for hundreds of miles 100ft. above the sea, through the thickest mist yet experienced this summer, a Sunderland flying-boat spotted a convoy, saved it from destruction and guided it to safety.

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Having counted the masts and funnels to make sure that the whole of the convoy was in position he took charge.

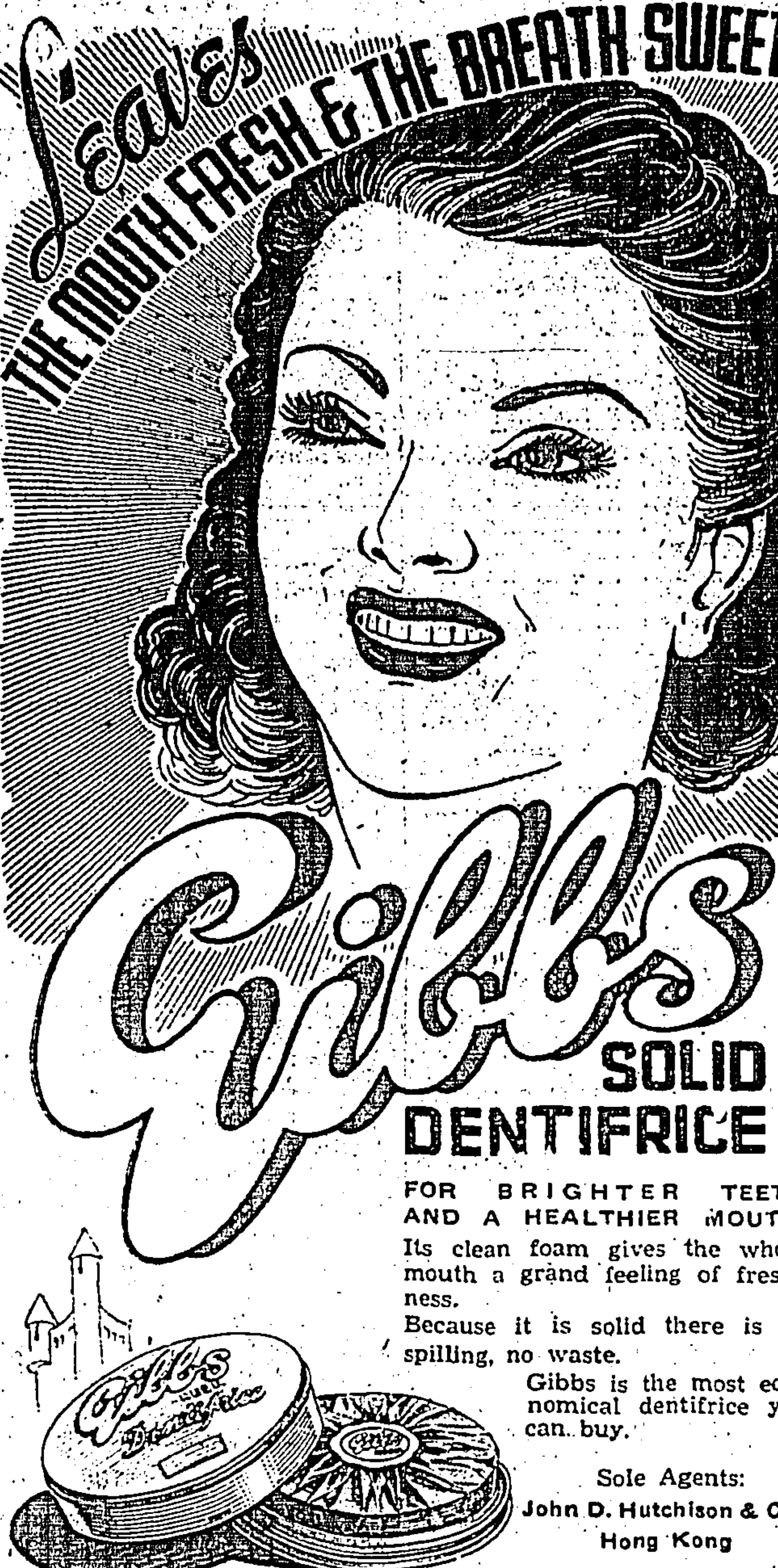
The weather became worse. Several times the convoy scattered and had to be reformed by the flying boat.

At one point the Sunderland captain, flying at less than 100 feet above the sea, saw that with the strong tide some of the ships were in extreme danger of running ashore.

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♥ 7  
♦ A Q J 3 3  
♣ A J 3 5  
West  
♠ 10 6 5 3  
♥ 6 5 2  
♦ 7 4  
♣ 7 6 4  
North  
♠ A-K  
♥ A Q J 8  
♦ 4 3  
♣ Q 10 2  
The bidding:  
East 1♥ Pass  
South 2NT Pass  
West Pass  
North 3NT

The bidding was a little ambitious, but the same contract was reached at each table. In each case the opening lead was a heart, and South won the first or second trick with the King of hearts.

With eight tricks in top cards, most Declarers ran the diamonds and then finessed the Jack of clubs. That lost, of course, but those Declarers were set only one trick since the running of the diamonds had obliged East to discard some hearts. A bigger set occurred at one table where the South player took the club finesse before running the diamonds. East took eight tricks!

The successful Declarer ran the diamonds and was struck by the fact that East found it necessary to discard three hearts. Apparently East has a club holding which couldn't stand a discard. On this assumption South discarded a club on the last diamond, cashed the club King and gave East the lead with a heart. East eventually had to lead clubs to the dummy's Ace-Jack, thus giving Declarer his ninth trick.

Yesterday you were Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:  
♠ K Q 10 5 3  
♥ 8  
♦ 7  
♣ A Q J 9 8 3  
What did you bid as dealer?

ANSWER: Bid one club. The longer suit should be bid first in order to show the distribution properly. Score 100% for one club, 20% for one spade.

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To-day you hold the same hand and the bidding continues:

You: 1♣ Pass Jacoby: 1♥ Pass  
(?)  
What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)  
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## PROBLEM FOR JUDGE

Mr. Justice Croom-Johnson, in the King's Bench Division said he had tried hundreds of fatal accident cases without finding the principle on which damages for loss of expectation of life were based. The case before him concerned Doreen Dorothy Cullen, 11, and Maureen Gertrude Garry, 8, who were killed by a car on a Kent road in April, 1939.

The judge remarked that in these days there were perils awaiting everyone every moment of the day or night. Was the expectation of life the same in July, 1940, as it was in 1935? These two children were on the threshold of life, but they had a vested legal right in their expectation of a normal continuance of life.

Doreen's father, Mr. P. J. Cullen, of Alnwick Road, Lee, was awarded £700, and Maureen's father, Mr. P. H. Garry, of Mayern Road, Eltham, £600. Defendant was Mr. T. H. L. Jackson, of St. Paul's Cray Road, Chislehurst.



The girl chum says some married couples never bother to patch up quarrels—they just get new ones.

## L.D.V.'S CALLED ON TO RESIGN

High rate of illness is hampering the work of the Local Defence Volunteers.

And firms engaged on war work have instructed their employees to resign from the Volunteers.

Night guarding of bridges and other vulnerable points in all weathers is taking a heavy toll of men, many of whom have already done a day's work before they report for duty.

Most of them are still in civilian clothes and shoes, which will not stand up to extreme weather conditions.

The resignation of Volunteers from one big firm followed the absence of "key" men who had to report sick after prolonged spells of night duty on top of their normal work.

Other firms are taking a similar line, it being suggested that output is affected by the absence of L.D.V. employees suffering from illness and overstrain.

## REPEATED LIE ABOUT TROOPS

"Indiscreet repetition of unfounded rumours" about British troops firing on refugees at Boulogne sent John Ernest Dodd, twenty-three, labourer, of Frampton, near Boston, Lincs, to prison for three months.

Dodd admitted at Boston Police Court that he repeated a story about British troops firing on refugees to prevent them boarding ships transporting troops from Boulogne to England.

## CHILDREN LEFT TO STARVE

At Woking Police Court, Sergeant Howard Vincent, Coldstream Guards, successfully applied for a separation order against his wife and custody of two children on the ground of cruelty to the children.

It was the first case of the kind in the country under the 1935 Act.

The applicant, a former member of the Peterborough Police Force, was ordered to pay his wife 10s. a week out of the 51s. he received from the Army.

The evidence showed that since his recall to the Colours his wife took lodgings in various houses, left the children unattended, and returned in the early hours of the morning.

A N.S.P.C.C. inspector described the condition of the children, aged four years and 18 months, as "indescribably filthy." The clothing and bedding had to be destroyed.

## CIVILIAN ROLL OF HONOUR

A civilian roll of honour is wanted by Commander King-Hall, Nat. Soc. M.P. for Ormskirk.

He will ask the Prime Minister "whether to honour those who serve in the unarmed forces of the Crown, and also to ally rumours, he will direct that names of those killed as a result of enemy air action shall be published as a roll of honour in the same way as are casualties in the services."

## TAKE NO CHANCES WITH BABY'S COLD

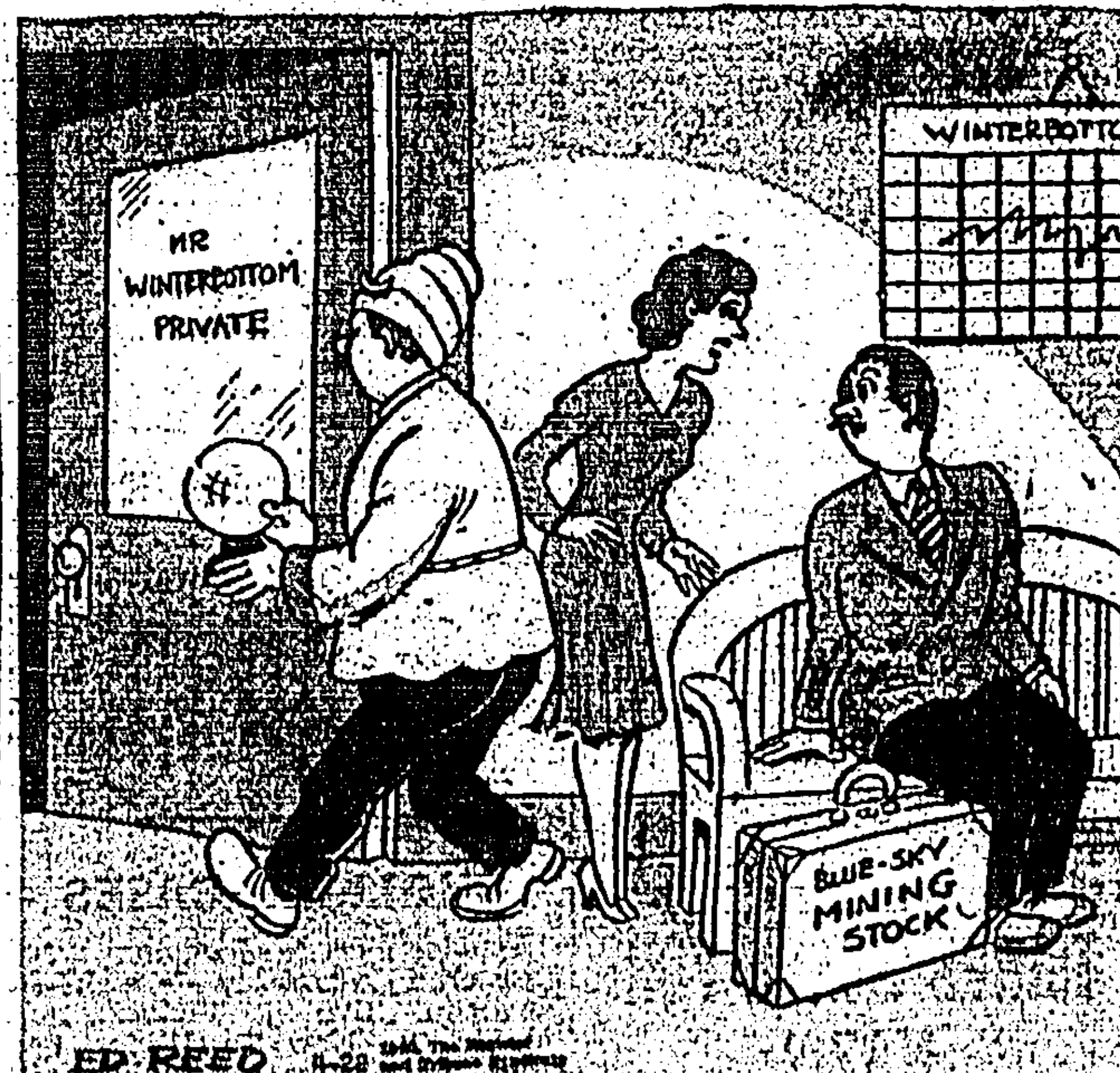
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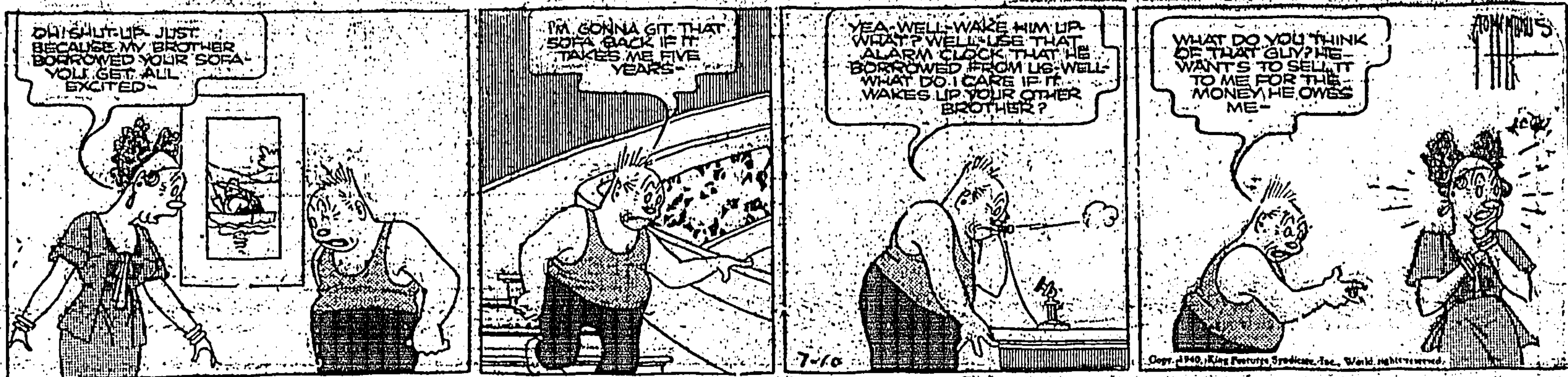
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## A PAGE FOR WOMEN

# Children's Thumb Sucking

If Mistress Mary contrarily continues to suck her thumb it is quite possible that she may grow up to become Spinster Mary patiently going to the dentist to have her crooked teeth straightened—according to a recent warning of the American Dental Association.

Reviewing dental case histories, one cannot fail to be impressed with the definite emotional un-

balance revealed by many women who are "dental cripples." The crooked teeth and protruding lips resulting, at least in part, from prolonged thumb sucking during childhood, are sufficient basis for despondency.



CAROLYN LEE, the young actress of the screen, has a beautiful set of strong teeth which indicates she will be a beauty when she grows up!

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### A Warning

Too many mothers still believe in the old wives' tale that first teeth aren't important, the survey continues. They fail to realize that as first teeth grow, so do the permanent teeth. Actually every mother who is interested in her child's welfare should know that

of these children have deformed jaws—for irregular teeth usually are symptoms of jaw deformity. The majority of these malformations may be of minor character, but the wise mother will do all in her power to prevent, or help correct, such conditions. Often only one trip to a dentist, trained in orthodontia work, will be sufficient to discover the habit which is responsible for the condition. If the habit is corrected at once, nature usually returns to her original plan of giving your child straight teeth and a balanced mouth and jaw.

Permanent malformation of the teeth, mouth and jaw result only when you fail to correct pressure habits that are contrary to the natural laws which constantly strive to express themselves in health and beauty for your child.

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12.15 p.m.—Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 p.m.—Variety.

1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 p.m.—The B.B.C. Dance Orchestra.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press. Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Dvorak—Quartet in A Flat Major Op. 105.... Prague String Quartet.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

6.00 p.m.—Selections from Noel Coward's Hits.

6.25 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.30 p.m.—An Hour of Popular Classics.

7.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 p.m.—Albert Sandler (Violin) and his Orchestra.

8.30 p.m.—Studio—"Great Authors" No. 4: Scott. Talk by Father Ryan S.J.

8.50 p.m.—The B.B.C. Wireless Singers.

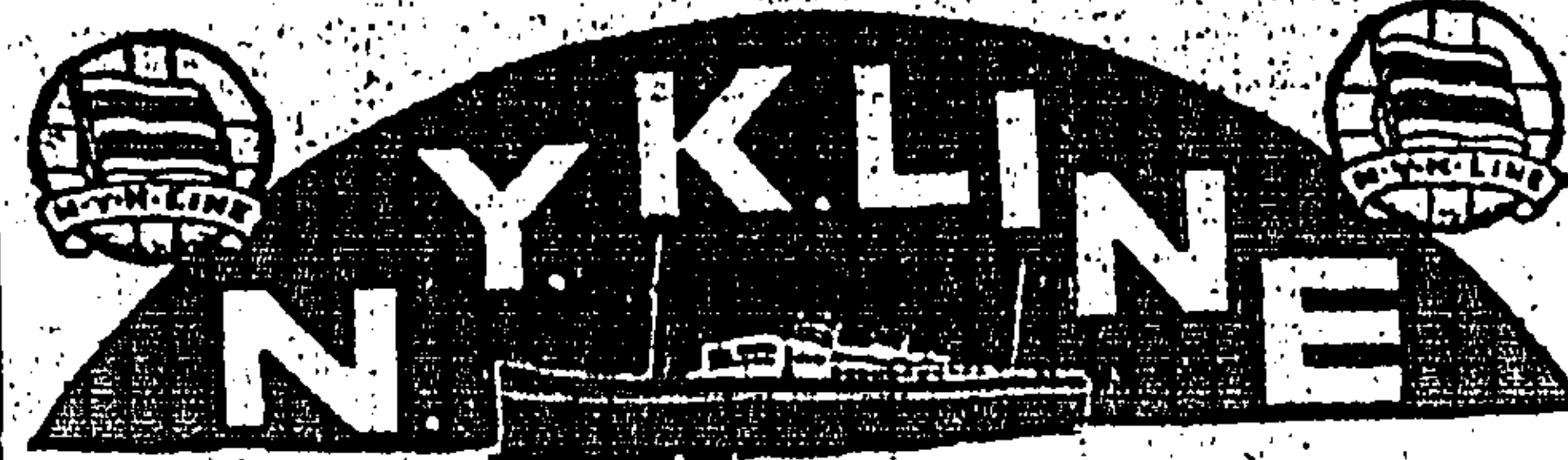
9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

9.30 p.m.—London Relay—Matters of Moment.

9.45 p.m.—Rita da Costa and Harry Jacobson. (Two Pianos).

9.57 p.m.—Dance Music and Variety.

11.00 p.m.—Close down.



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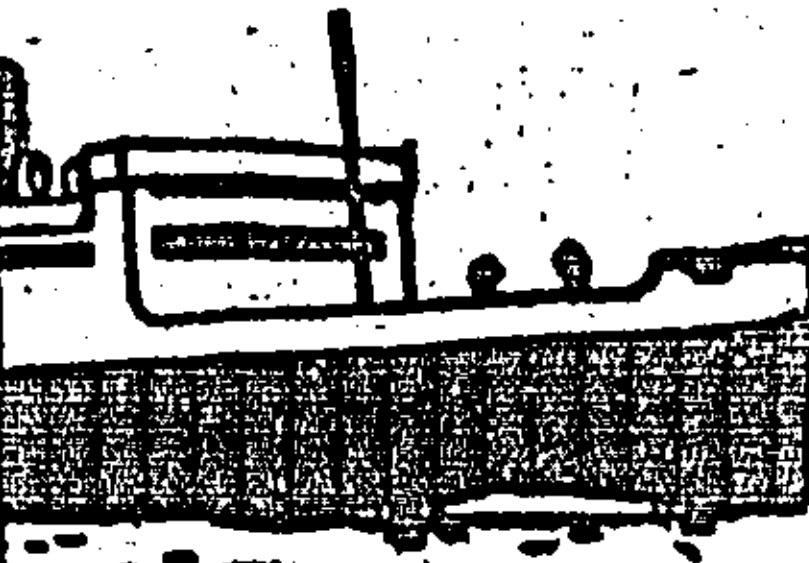
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## BASEBALL

# League Play-Off A Fitting Climax To Close Struggle

## Both Mindanao & H.B. Play Well

### POWLAWSKI IN FINE FORM

By "Grandstand"

PLAYING BEFORE A capacity crowd last Saturday at Caroline Hill, the U.S.S. Mindanao nine triumphed over the Hong Kong Brewers for a 5-3 verdict to decide the League championship for the year 1940; by virtue of their victory they are the new holders of the Bagram Shield and Vogue trophy.

The game was a fitting climax to the closest pennant race to be witnessed in the Colony, and was featured by good playing on both sides, although the absence of Dave Leonard from the H.B. squad was felt by the team on many occasions when they were in the pinches and a hit was badly needed.

With exactly nine men to choose from, the H.B. team did not do at all badly, being guilty of only two bobbles as against the victors' three.

The sailors outthit the Brewers by eight to five, and were fortunate in that their hits counted whereas the H.B. hits were scattered.

"Bad News" Powlawski toed the order coming up the next inning, rubber for the sailors, and was deadlier than ever, allowing the Brewers only five blows without conceding any free passes, while 10 Brewers succumbed to his change-of-pace curves. Slim Arculli went the whole route for the Brewers, but was not the same Arculli that made the going tough for the Chasemen in the last game. After the third inning, he pitched as if he had a flat iron tied to his elbows.

He succeeded in fanning only Poochie Chase in the first, and Babysan Cook in his three times to the plate.

#### Batted First

Mindanao batted first and chalked up two runs on three hits, Ruel denting the counting station for the first marker, on Powlawski's dump, but were held scoreless for the next two frames. Two more blows in the fourth increased the lead to 3-0. In the fifth, Ruel obtained a life when George Souza fumbled his lazy grounder. Horseface Douglas, next at bat, looked one over for Ruel to pilfer the midway station and smacked the horsehide on Arculli's next offering, way into deep leftfield.

Henry "Showboat" Ali ran as far back as he could, and stopped dejectedly watching the ball go over the fence—and in this League over the fence doesn't mean out!

For four frames, the Brewers were shut out by Powlawski—who could have threaded a needle with his slants—and only connected once through Ali.

In the first inning, Souza got into scoring position on Chase's bobbles. Ali fled for the first out. Souza was advanced to third on Stan Leonard's bouncer, which Crooner Ruel would have thrown away, were it not for Douglas' lucky scoop into the dirt for a missed third strike, and was advanced to third on Romeo Ha's fans yelling themselves hoarse for a hit. Lefty Joe Bowen came up to the platter and looked at three strikes to end the inning.

#### H.B.'s First Run

H.B.'s first run came in the fifth, when Douglas made a wild throw, whilst indulging in a bit of grandstand, allowed Zinho Gosano to reach second on his scratch single and came home in a heap on Arculli's sacrifice. Trailing behind by four runs, the H.B. team made a sixth-inning rally and counted twice on two hits and a Mindanao miscue.

With Lefty Joe Bowen and Stan Leonard perched on second and third with none out, H.B. stood scored, and Powlawski found himself in a jam.

Arculli fled out for the first out. With the fans begging him for a hit, Zinho Gosano parked one to right field, but Babysan Cook was there waiting for it with ready arms, and completed a double killing with his bullet peg to nab Stan Leonard at the plate. With the fall end of the batting

#### Pick-Up Side

Owing to the absence of the Americans from Stanley, who were slated to meet the South China team, the latter took on a mixed nine made up from ball-players out at the park on Sunday morning. Most of the latter were from U.S.S. Tulsa, and had just completed a softball game. After taking the lead for four innings the Chinese were humbled by the All-stars by six runs to four. No less than four hurlers, two on each side, were used in the game, which lasted fully two hours and 10 minutes.

MacClanahan started on the mound for the All-stars, and fanned eight in three innings, but developed a side-ache and retired from the game. Powlawski took over slab duties, and was content to feed the Chinese with easy floaters, leaving it to the fielders to make putouts. He fanned the last two when the game was getting tedious, however. For the Chinese, Bill Chang, of Chung Hwa, who was borrowed for the game, toiled on the mound for three innings, and was relieved by slow ball artist Harry Chinn, who fanned two, much to his own surprise, his first victim being "Bolo" Osajac, who swore he would make a four-bagger after fouling twice. Nevertheless, he struck at the third one and missed!

#### A Homer

Choy went up to bat first for the Chinese, and slashed MacClanahan's first pitch for a homer, Stan Leonard's bouncer, which Crooner Ruel would have thrown away, were it not for Douglas' lucky scoop into the dirt for a missed third strike, and was advanced to third on Romeo Ha's fans yelling themselves hoarse for a hit. Lefty Joe Bowen came up to the platter and looked at three strikes to end the inning.

The All-stars were undaunted, however, and fled when Bob Eaw dropped a throw home. With lucks in the pond, Maxwell batted in the winning run in the last frame.

### ARMY TENNIS

Following were the results of the Third Round matches in the Army Open Doubles Tennis tournament, played at Sookunpoo yesterday:

S/Sgt. Adlam and L/Sgt. Murray (R.A.P.C.) beat S/Sgt. Megson and S/Sgt. Denyer (R.E.)

L/Cpl. Shaw and Spr. Elsley (R.E.) beat L/Cpl. Downing and L/Cpl. Gilroy (R.S.) 6-4, 6-3.

## ARMY CRICKET

### RATCLIFFE STARTS OFF BRILLIANTLY

Sapper Ratcliffe started off the new cricket season in great style in a friendly Army match at Sookunpoo yesterday, scoring 23 runs and bowling brilliantly to take 7 for 40 in just over eight overs.

As a result of his fine efforts, Engineers scored a comfortable win over R.A.M.C. by 56 runs.

Sappers had first lease of the wicket and were given a good start by Ratcliffe, Tropp, and Shaw, who, between them, took the score to 84. The remainder of the side fared only moderately but Sappers declared their innings closed with their total at 137 for 8.

Dunne was the most successful bowler for the Medicals, taking 3 for 27 in seven overs.

Only Sgt. Webb, the Army player, and Cpl. Musson, were able to face Ratcliffe's bowling with any confidence, and R.A.M.C. were all out for 81.

## ROYAL ENGINEERS

Spr. Ratcliffe, c Musson, b Don	23
Spr. Tropp, l.b.w., b Wyre	24
L/Cpl. Shaw, c Shorthouse, b Pratt	27
Spr. Bailey, c Wyre, b Wyre	11
Spr. Heath, c Shorthouse, b Dunne	11
Spr. Cork, c Pratt, b Dunne	11
Spr. Day, b Don	0
Cpl. Taylor, c and b Dunne	5
Sgt. Goodwin, not out	11
Spr. Lowe, not out	2
Extras (W1, B7, LB12, NB2)	12

Total (for 8 wks.) 137

Cpl. Hawkins did not bat.

## Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Dunne	7	1	27	3
Don	6	1	34	2
Wyre	6	0	24	2
Ross	2	0	24	0
Pratt	4	0	14	1
Dunne and Don each bowled one no ball.				

## R.A.M.C.

Sgt. Webb, c Tropp, b Ratcliffe	23
Pte. Pratt, c Day, b Ratcliffe	21
Cpl. Musson, c and b Lowe	21
S/Sgt. Shorthouse, c Day, b Ratcliffe	0
Major Wyre, run out	4
Sgt. Wyre, b Ratcliffe	1
Pte. Smith, b Ratcliffe	1
Pte. Ross, c Bailey, b Ratcliffe	1
Pte. Don, b Lowe	0
Sgt. Hayman, not out	0
Pte. Dunne, l.b.w., b Ratcliffe	0
Extras (W2)	2

Total 81

## Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Ratcliffe	8	0	40	7
Cork	5	0	24	0
Lowe	3	0	17	2

## BOWLS CHAMPIONSHIP

### ABBAS BEATS A.E. COATES

Following are the results of matches played yesterday in the Second Round of the Open Singles Bowls Championship.

## AT KOWLOON F.C.

F. X. M. da Silva beat B. Basto 21-5 at the 10th.

## AT KOWLOON B.C.

W. J. Howard beat C. H. Basto 21-10 at the 17th.

## AT KOWLOON C.C.

C. C. Pereira beat Y. Abbas 22-19 at the 24th.

## AT RECROIO

J. S. Landolt beat C. Dowman 21-11 at the 21st.

## AT CIVIL SERVICE

M. N. Abbas beat A. E. Coates 21-10 at the 17th.

## AT CHAIKONG C.C.

W. G. G. beat E. G. Post 21-15 at the 23rd.

## AT CHAIKONG C.C.

M. N. Abbas beat F. P. Anselow 21-11 at the 19th.

A. R. Minu beat J. J. Basto 21-0 at the 14th.

### ARMY SPORTLIGHT

By "SQUADDY"

MUST apologise to the Combined Small Units for the incorrect number of points which I gave them for the Area Swimming in my last notes. Here are the correct placings of last week's meeting:

Combined Small Units 52 Pts., 5th A.A. Regt., R.A. Royal Scots, and The Middlesex Regt., all sharing 50 Pts., 12th Hvy. Regt., R.A. 34 Pts., and the 8th Hvy. Regt., R.A. 26 Pts. The aggregate cup will be presented on the conclusion of the Water Polo competitions.

LAST Saturday at Sookunpoo the Royal Scots opened the soccer season with a win over South China by the only goal of the match.

Neither side played brilliant football and the Scots' goal came from Gilroy, after Woods had kicked the ball hard across the goalmouth, and Hossack being too far back.

#### Association Football

came running in from the other wing and scored a beautiful goal. Faulkner, who was the outstanding player on the field, played a hard game at centre-half and gave his forwards plenty of passes. Hossack in the Scots' forward-line did not play up to expectations, and when he did have a shot at goal it always went wide. Fraser and Naysmith both played well at back, and distinguished themselves on many occasions.

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SAPPERS, who defeated the 30th Heavy Bty. Royal Artillery on the Military ground, played much better football than in their previous game with Kwong Wah, the score being 7-1 in favour of Sappers.

Fox, who was absent last week, scored three lovely goals and will want a lot of watching again this season. The Sappers from the beginning played good football and the combination was a pleasure to watch. The goal scorers were: — Fox (3) Birrell, Pelham and Lowe.

The Scots juniors beat South China by the odd goal in three at Sookunpoo. The Scots should have scored more goals at the start but the defenders tackled well and robbed them of many chances. The best players in the Scots' forward line were Crawford, Auld and Nichol.

R.A.M.C. were beaten in their First League match by 24th Hvy. Bty. R.A. by 3-0. The Gunners played much better football and were far superior and quicker on the ball. The Medicals will have to play much better if they want to win.

#### A.S.C. COY. LAWN BOWLS TEAM

The following team will represent the A.S.C. Coy., H.K.V.D.C. in a bowls game against The Bowlers at the Kowloon Bowling Green Club this afternoon, commencing at 4 p.m.:

L/C. G. G. Capt. Filippance, Sgt. Hyde and Sgt. Meyer (Skip).

Capt. Davies, L/C. Pearce, L/C. Tuck and Pte. Rosset (Skip).

Pte. Leonard, Sgt. Hillyer, Cpl. Kern and Pte. Kern (Skip).

### RUMJAHN AFTER FREE-STYLE EVENT

An additional tit-bit is promised at the swimming gala at V.R.C. to-day. One of the events on the programme is the 440 Yards Junior Free-Style championship of the V.R.C. and in this race, A. K. Rumjahn, one of the Colony's leading back-stroke exponents, will participate, using the back-stroke for the entire distance. Lumsdaine, won the 880 yards free style championship of Shanghai recently whilst using the back-stroke.

### SWIMMING STARTS TO-DAY

By "Adrem"

The first day of the three-day swimming championship gala is to-day, starting at 6.15 p.m., and V.R.C.'s great problem this afternoon will be to accommodate the crowd that is certain to attend.

At this stage there is nothing further that can usefully be added to the items that have been written already but as a matter of interest I append a forecast of the results of to-day's championships:

200 Yards Free-Style (Men)—1, Ng season to the tune of eight goals to nil. Jennings played well in the centre and scored five of the goals. Jennings played well in the centre and scored five of the goals. Jennings played well in the centre and scored five of the goals.

200 Yards Free-Style (Women)—1, Capt. Man, between the Miss V. Churn; 2, Miss Ko Mui-slicks, was in good form and is strong in the defence with Bin-jun, Black and Parker as his partners. Miss Sa Wai-ying, 2, Miss Blackburn is very calm at the half and distributes the ball well to his wingers. Taylor and Ng Nin; 2, L. M. Remedios; 3, Marable the wingers both scored, Fong Chung-yiu.

200 Yards Free-Style Relay (Women)—1, V.R.C.; 2, Chung Shing.

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# Rapier Reviews Saturday's Extra Race Meeting

The Seventh Extra Race Meeting of Hong Kong Jockey Club, held last Saturday afternoon, marked the opening of local racing following the Summer recess, and it was favoured by brilliant sunshine and attracted an attendance which must have constituted a record for an extra meeting. It was featured by a couple of upsets, and racing was always enjoyable, although the heat at times was stifling.

Riding honours among the jockeys went deservedly to Mr. P. Y. T. Wei, who scored four wins and a second in six starts. Mr. D. Black had two wins, one second and a third in seven outings. Mr. G. Trevorton signalled his graduation from the Novice Class with a grand performance of Strathbannock to give 37 backers \$492.00 each in the parimutuel, but not a single holder of the 465 tickets in the first leg of the "Daily Double" had the forethought to connect him in the second leg. Strathbannock was the only pony out of 16 starters left severely alone, and the "Double" pool of \$6,425.00 was thus carried forward to the next meeting, to be run on the 5th. of next month.

His Excellency the Acting Governor, Lt. General E. F. Norton, was present and, judging from the interest which he clearly showed, it should not be long before His Excellency owns a pony or two.

As far as owners were concerned, Mr. Li Po-chun headed the list of successful owners with two wins, Resisting Time and Conquering Time.

## First Valley Win

The day's programme opened with the Junk Bay Handicap (first section) for "D" Class China ponies, ridden by Novice jockeys, and this event gave Mr. F. A. Sequeira his first win at the Valley.

The race started with Portrush (Mr. Sequeira) taking the lead, followed by Phoenix (Mr. Chiu Ki-fan), Kut Cheung (Mr. K. W. Fung) and Eve of Hunting (Mr. Wood). On passing the football stands Portrush was still in front, followed by West Lake (Mr. S. W. Lee), Sunlight View (Mr. Ho Hong-ping) and Eve of Hunting. On rounding the bend Sunlight View passed West Lake with Phoenix coming up strongly and Eve of Hunting just behind. In the straight Sunlight View appeared to be catching Portrush, but it failed to make any headway, although the pony was full of running. A little more determined riding over the last 100 yards would have resulted in Portrush being beaten. Eve of Hunting, the favourite, just managed to beat Phoenix, due to a great effort by Mr. Wood, for third place.

## Won At Start

The second race, the Australian Ponies Autumn Plate was the principal event of the day and was contested by Australian Subscription Ponies of this season. Weight 145 lb. 1 lb. penalty for every \$200 or part thereof won in stakes this year.

Sapper, holder of the mile record, failed to accept and in view of its absence Australian Diamond was made the public's fancy, and it fully justified the confidence placed in it. Many Thanks (Mr. Black) was second favourite.

The race was won at the very start, when Mr. Wei sent Australian Diamond out into a commanding lead, followed by Contact (Mr. Davis), Sparrow (Mr. Chao) and Many Thanks. On passing the half mile post, Australian Diamond was still holding a big lead, followed by Ascot Day (Mr. Sung), Many Thanks and Connieber (Mr. Hearne), and on rounding the bend Many Thanks came up to take second position but its effort was unavailing as Australian Diamond went on to win by many lengths, with Many Thanks second and Connieber half a length behind for third place.

## Mr. Wei's Second Win

In the first section of the Island Bay Handicap over six furlongs the public made no mistake in plunging their money on Resisting Time, which gave Mr. Wei his second successive win.

The race started with Musketeer (Mr. Chao) taking the lead, followed by Taxing Master (Mr. Tao), Pinfarthings (Mr. H. S. Chang) and Resisting Time. This position was maintained until coming into the straight, when Mr. Wei riding confidently, rushed Resisting Time to the front to

take the lead with Musketeer second, followed closely by Taxing Master and Blue Field (Mr. Black), which was coming up strongly. In the meantime Hillsboro Bay (Mr. Trevorton) came up very strongly in a belated challenge on the outside to take second place from Taxing Master, which had the better of Musketeer over the last few yards.

## Dead-Heat Third

The fourth race, the Vauluse Handicap for "B" Class Australian ponies, saw Sydney Lad (Mr. Trevorton) take the lead, closely followed by Pumpnickel (Mr. Tao), Derby Day (Mr. Chao), A Roaring Time (Mr. Wei), and Viceroy (Mr. Black). On reaching the Rock Sydney Lad dropped back for Derby Day to take command. On reaching the straight Viceroy went forward to take the lead with Pumpnickel second—it did not bore out on this occasion but ran so strongly that its second placing seemed a certainty. Springhurst, well and truly ridden by Mr. Poy, came up from the rear, however, to overhaul Pumpnickel for second position, and this was not all as Rowan (Mr. Hearne) also finished strongly and dead-heated with Pumpnickel for third position.

## Blue Diamond Surprises

After his first two wins Mr. Wei was made a hot favourite in the Tweed Island Bay Handicap, which was the first leg of the "Daily Double," and he again justified the confidence of his backers.

On the rise of the barrier Hopeful Star (Mr. Hearne) took command, followed closely by Jennifer (Mr. Proulx), Ronson (Mr. Poy) and Conquering Time, the ultimate winner. After passing the Rock Ronson took the lead with Jennifer second, but they faded out of the race long before coming into the straight. It was then left to Hopeful Star and Conquering Time to fight out the finish, but at the two-mile post Conquering Time secured the lead and went on to win. Blue Diamond provided the first major upset of the afternoon when Mr. S. W. Lee, a novice rider, brought it in to beat Hopeful Star by half a length for second place and pay \$125.00 for a place ticket!

## Income Tax's Finish

In the sixth race, the Gosford Handicap for "C" Class Australian Subscription ponies, it was a treat to watch the struggle for supremacy between Brown Derby (Mr. Black) and Income Tax (Mr. Wei) over the last 50 yards, and the decision of a dead-heat for first position was well received.

Bredon, again ridden by Mr. Chattey, tried to make a runaway affair of the race, but Income Tax, Twilight Star (Mr. Tao), Maple Star (Mr. Yuen) and Brown Derby kept a sharp lookout. This position was maintained until after passing the 1-1/4 mile post, when Brown Derby moved up to second position through hard riding on the part of Mr. Black, who caught Mr. Chattey up at the two-mile post, closely followed by Income Tax, which was about two lengths behind. Mr. Wei then called on Income Tax and the pony responded magnificently, and determined riding saw it dead-heat with Brown Derby right on the post. Bredon, the pace-maker, was third.

## Mr. Trevorton's Triumph

The Seventh race, the Island Bay Handicap (second section) for "C" Class China ponies, which was also the second leg of the "Daily Double," resulted in the best dividend of the day. Strathbannock, the winner, was in great form, but evidently the majority of backers did not have sufficient confidence in Mr. Trevorton to place their money on this combination. Victoria (Mr. Pin) was most disappointing, and those who placed their money on this

combination were sadly disappointed as this pony was never in the picture.

Advancing Time (Mr. Chao) made the running with a terrific burst of speed, doing the first quarter in 28 seconds, and there were hopes of it winning, which the pony was quite capable of doing despite its heavy burden of 162 lbs. but its supporters were surprised to see it gradually drop back and give up the struggle immediately Rose-Queen (Mr. P. P. Botelho) and Strathbannock (Mr. Trevorton) had passed it. A desperate struggle ensued between the above two ponies and, assisted by its light burden coupled with its fitness, Strathbannock, ably handled by Mr. Trevorton, went on to win by a short head to the delight of the jockey's admirers. On being led in he was given a warm welcome on his graduation, and his fighting finish will be long remembered by race-goers.

## Venus Bay's Failure

The eighth race, the Port Phillip Handicap for "D" Class Australian ponies, from the 1 1/2 mile post, was another disaster for the favourite, Venus Bay (Mr. Sung), which ran unplaced. At the rise of the gate Mr. Davis sent Poconos forward, followed by A Green Time (Mr. Proulx), A Good Time (Mr. Tao) and Tarzan (Mr. Wei). On rounding the bend Poconos was passed by A Green Time, which maintained its lead until the end, despite Mr. Wei's effort on Tarzan. Heinz (Mr. Black) did well to take third position.

## March Brown Upset

The last race of the day, the second section of the Junk Bay Handicap for "D" Class China ponies over the mile, was decided by the Novice jockeys, and found punters betting strongly on Double Chance, the pony which won the Park Kan Chow Handicap at Macao the previous Sunday with Mr. Chao on top.

March Brown was ridden by Mr. G. W. Cooper, who showed good judgment in sending his pony in front after passing the 6 furlong post, which position it maintained right up to the finish.

On the rise of the barrier Bressay (Mr. Chattey) went into the lead, followed by March Brown and Double Chance (Mr. Yeung Wing-kwai). On passing the 6 furlong post Mr. Cooper went forward to take a substantial lead,

to finish anywhere near the top.

On the Kowloon ground the Service Corps celebrated their entry into Second Division by defeating Kowloon 8 goals to one. Mattison is goal for the Corps and very little to do owing to the fine play by Hamlen and Bradshaw the backs. The half-back line all played well and caused the opposing forwards much trouble. From the start of the game the Service Corps took control and not once did they let Kowloon get on top. The forwards all played well together and had Kowloon on the go all the time.

Royal Air Force started the season with a well earned victory over the Signals by 3 goals to 1. The Airman were far superior, and had they taken all the opportunities given them would have had a much larger score. The half-back line proved too strong for the Signals, especially Barry who was outstanding. Kenard in goal for the losers was not to blame for their defeat, and the shots which did beat him were all too good for him. Brackenbury, the Signals' centre-forward, was well bottled up by Barry and was unable to bring any pressure on the Airman's defence.

To-day the Signals will be playing the International Football Club, kick-off at 5.15 p.m. on the Military Ground, they will also play the same Club in the League on Saturday.

At King's Park on Saturday the Royal Scots senior team drew with the Y.M.C.A. seniors 2-2.

The Y.M.C.A. were the first to score, but this was soon equalised by Captain Patterson, just before the interval. In the second half the Y.M.C.A. again scored first

and on rounding the bend it was never seriously challenged and went on to win as it liked. Mr. Yeung made the mistake of not chasing March Brown in the early stages of the race, being content to watch Bressay, which finished fifth. In the meantime a great struggle for third position was fought out by Bressay, Ascot Vale (Mr. Sequeira) and Gold Coin (Mr. Chiu Ki-fan) over the last 50 yards, with Gold Coin finishing up third.

March Brown's win paid \$136.50, which was the second best dividend of the day and gave Mr. Cooper his first win at the Valley.

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IN the Albuhera Shield matches played between the Companies of the Middlesex Regiment, "A" Company again finished first with "D" Company runners up. The final positions were as follows:—

Goals

Coy.	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.
A	4	3	0	1	12	2
B	4	2	0	2	7	3
HQ	4	2	2	0	9	7
C	4	1	2	1	5	9
B	4	0	4	0	2	14

THE Royal Scots are holding a five-a-side knock-out competition on October 3, commencing at 7 p.m. at the Queen's Road Swimming Bath.


Water Polo Victoria Barracks, and eight teams have been invited to play. On Friday HQ Company Middlesex will play "A" Company Middlesex in the Semi-final of the Small Units competition and the winners will meet the Signals in the Final.

Swimming THE Combined Small Units are holding a Swimming gala in the near future and the main events will consist of:—100yds. Medley R e l a y (Team of three), 1 length breast; 1 length Back; and 1 length free-style. Diving for the Small Units Challenge Cup. 200yds. free-style (6 per team) for the Russell Challenge Cup.

TO-MORROW the Signals will play one of His Majesty's Ships in a friendly game of cricket at Happy Valley.

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## MORE AGAINST WEST THAN CHINA

The Chungking newspapers maintained yesterday that the Japanese move in Indo-China is more against British and United States interests in the Pacific than against China.

They urged the two countries to take decisive action. — Reuter.

## CHUNGKING PREPARES IN YUNNAN

It was reliably learned in Chungking yesterday that Yunnan troops are actively cooperating with Central Government forces along the Indo-China border where they will fight side by side if the Japanese attempt to invade Yunnan.

The well-equipped Yunnan troops will be most useful to the Central Government forces as guides, being familiar with local conditions.

The possibility of the Chinese taking offensive action is ruled out in Chungking. Anticipating the possibility that the Japanese will make their first move from Kwangsi, the

THERE IS A LULL IN THE INDO-CHINA BORDER FIGHTING WITH BOTH SIDES NURSING THEIR WOUNDS, AND AWAITING THE OUTCOME OF A MEETING BETWEEN MAJOR-GENERAL NISHIHARA, HEAD OF THE JAPANESE INSPECTORATE, AND GENERAL ANDO, COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE SOUTH CHINA JAPANESE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, NOW TAKING PLACE IN HOIHOW.

According to French reports, General Maurice Martin, Commander-in-Chief of the French Indo-China Army, has ordered the army to resist at all costs any attempt the Japanese make to invade Indo-China from Chinese Territory.

Admiral Jean De Coux, Governor-General of French Indo-China, apparently foresees further trouble in northern Indo-China, for yesterday he ordered the general evacuation of all civilians from areas in Tongking. Two trains are leaving Hanoi every day to carry evacuees southwards.

Heartened by the stout resistance which the foreign legionnaires and the colonial infantrymen offered the Japanese, northern Indo-China meanwhile increased its defence preparations.

Trucks laden with ammunition moved all night long northward and eastward of Hanoi toward the border, where the majority of the colony's available 10,000 French regulars and mobilised civilians have taken up positions flanked by several divisions of Annamite troops.

Anti-aircraft batteries remain on the alert around Hanoi and troops guard the railway and highway bridges, but despite the military activity the populace remains calm.

### Japanese Naval Watch

Several Japanese warships are cruising just outside territorial waters with their decks cleared for action.

According to semi-official Chinese reports, the agreement reached between General Nishihara and Admiral De Coux on Sunday afternoon gave the Japanese army, navy, and air forces permission to use

a bay, north-west of Haiphong; two railways and two highways for the transportation of troops to the Chinese border; three aerodromes in Tongking as air bases; and passage of 25,000 troops from the coast to Laokay, on the Chinese border on condition that the troop trains make only one stoppage between Haiphong and Laokay in their journeys to the border.

### U.S. Watching

The United States is closely watching the situation between Thai and Indo-China. Secretary of State Cordell Hull declared yesterday.

The question of United States licensing of aeroplanes to be sent to Thai may be investigated, he added.

Meanwhile, more factual information on developments in French Indo-China is being awaited before any particular steps would be taken regarding Japan's activities, Mr. Hull declared.

He declined to discuss the possibility of American aid to the French forces in Indo-China if they resisted, or to say whether an American protest had been or would be made to Tokyo.

Mr. Hull added he had heard no official intimation that part of the U.S. Fleet now at Hawaii might be sent to the Atlantic. — Reuter.

### Japanese Casualties

Japanese casualties in the skirmish at Dongdang, south of Lungchow, on Monday, totalled about 100, according to information reaching Tokyo, stated a semi-official Japanese report yesterday. — Reuter.

### CLEARANCES TO INDO-CHINA STOPPED

The Harbour Office announced officially this morning that clearances of British and Allied ships to Indo-China ports have been suspended.

### BITTEN BY SNAKE

A 19-year-old coolie, Lam Hing, of Stanley Fort, was treated at the Queen Mary Hospital after being bitten on the right arm by a snake at Stanley yesterday.

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## INDO-CHINA FORCE OF 25,000

That the French authorities in Indo-China have only 25,000 regular troops to resist the Japanese, in addition to a pathetically small naval force of seven cruisers and four gunboats, is revealed by the "China Fortnightly Review."

According to figures gathered last May, the French regular forces, excluding the peace preservation corps, numbered no more than 25,000 men. Of these, one artillery brigade and three infantry regiments were stationed in Tongkin, one artillery brigade and another of infantry in Cochinchina.

### Auxiliary Units

Auxiliary units comprised the following: In Tongkin, four light brigades, one engineers battalion, one artillery brigade of pure Annamese troops, one mixed French-Annamese artillery brigade, and one mixed French-Annamese transport battalion, in addition to 17,769 native peace preservation troops; in Cochinchina, three light brigades, one engineers battalion of pure Annamese troops, one mixed French-Annamese artillery brigade, one mixed French-Annamese transport battalion.

There has been no report of any reinforcements arriving in the colony since then. It may also be mentioned that though the French Military Service Law, promulgated on March 31, 1938, required all males above 20 years of age to perform military service, it has never been unanimously enforced in Annam, Tongkin, Cambodia, Laos and Cochinchina.

### Naval Power

Indo-China, however, could depend more on its naval strength, the French Far Eastern and Indo-China fleets, under the personal command of Admiral Jean De Coux consisting of one armoured cruiser, six middle-class cruisers and four gunboats. But compared with the Japanese naval strength that could be mobilised at a moment's notice, the French fleet could do little more than perhaps delaying somewhat initial Japanese operations.

There is a French naval munition plant somewhere in the French colony. Its air force is virtually a negligible quantity.

## BOMBING OF GIBRALTAR DENIED

A despatch from Algeciras to the official German news agency in Berlin yesterday stated there was no confirmation of reports that French aircraft had bombed Gibraltar.

In Algeciras it is merely known that a reconnaissance plane on Tuesday evening was sighted over Gibraltar. — Reuter.

## STOP PRESS

Clearances of British and Allied ships for Kwong Chow Wan from Hong Kong have been suspended, it was learned this afternoon.

A Reuter message from Washington states that Japan's tactics in Indo-China will shortly result in President Roosevelt imposing an embargo on war materials to Japan, according to the predictions of informed observers.

London last night suffered one of the most savage bombings of the past three weeks. Nazi bombers raining down on the capital aerial torpedoes, screaming bombs and incendiary bombs by the hundreds.

In central London, a number of people were killed when a huge bomb, believed to have been an aerial torpedo and weighing at least half a ton, blasted a building in the heart of the city.

The offices of a big American firm were set on fire by a shower of incendiary bombs. The employees fled from their air-raid shelter when water poured into it from the hoses of firemen who were tackling the flames.

One of the world-famous churches designed by Sir Christopher Wren was damaged, as well as a hospital in the north of London.

Nazi planes roared across the city every minute of the night, and it is feared that casualties are high. — Reuter.

## AXIS BENT — ON TOTAL WAR

(Continued from Page 1) "After weighing all the chances," he said, "it was decided that the quickest route to peace was Total War. This will soon be accelerated on all fronts."

### And After The War

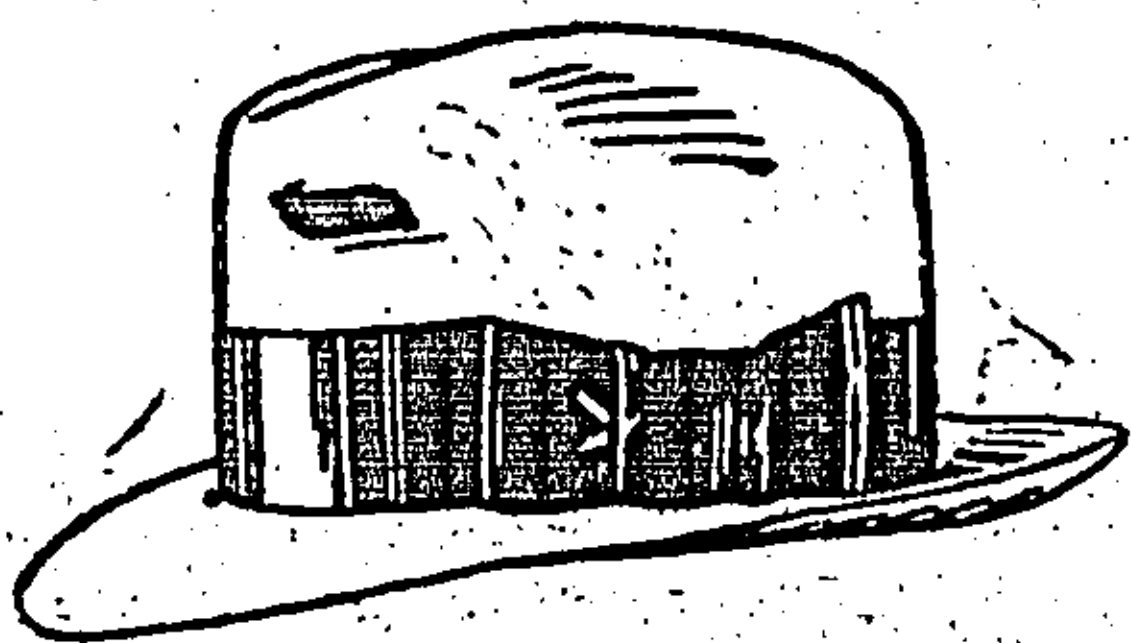
(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") The Berlin newspaper "National Zeitung" declared yesterday that the Rome-Berlin axis is now prepared for the possibility of "economic war" with the democracies, including the United States, after the European war ends.

The Axis powers, the newspaper declares, "are indulging in no illusions about the intentions of the democratic states."

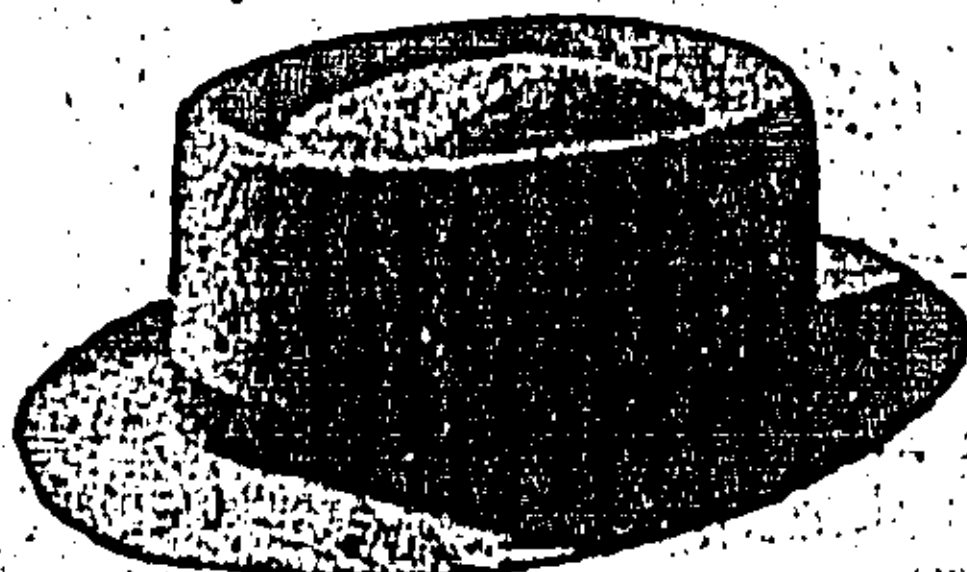
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